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AN EVENTFUL WEEK

LESSONS RACE MAY DERIVE FROM STURDY

LIFE OF HON. MARCUS A. HANNA

Confirmation of Dr. W. D. Crum—Kentucky Legislature Destroys Co-Education of Races at Berea College—Sharps and Flats.

(By Our Special Staff Correspondent.)

The week is fraught with news of vital importance to the people of the country. The death of Senator Hanna takes first place, by virtue of the great loss his demise visits upon our republic and the far reaching significance that attaches to it politically. The confirmation of Dr. W. D. Crum as collector of the port at Charleston, S. C., the passage of the bill prohibiting racial co-education in Kentucky, and the sudden postponement of anti Negro suffrage tactics in Maryland fill a large space in the public eye. The editorial reorganization of the Washington Record and the great Negro conference at Tuskegee also come in for no inconsiderable share of public attention.

In the passing of Marcus Alenzo Hanna the nation is bereft of its most striking figure in the political history of the decade. Scarcely more than eight years ago a metropolitan journal that bore the reputation of knowing everybody in the country worth knowing sent out a telegram, anxiously inquiring of a special corrrespondet: "Who is Mark Hanna of Cleveland? Send two hundred words." The then unknown man of business in the North-eastern corner of the state of Ohio has most effectively answered the query as to his identity by a Napoleonic mastery of men and details by nominating and twice electing William McKinley to the presidency, by earning a place of power in the United States Senate and the primacy in the councils of his party, by his generous advocacy of harmony between labor and capital, and by his triumphant reversal of public sentiment towards his own personality from bitter opposition and brutal ridicule to the deepest admiration and most profound respect on the part of the whole American people. His metoric career in the foreground of statesmanship was the wonder of the age—astounding by its brilliance and success the Talleyrands of political science like Platt, Quay and Elkins—and he quits the stage after a stay that was all too brief. This generation will not know another Mark Hanna.

The eulogies of Mr. Hanna have embraced all that used to be said of him by way of appreciation of his great character and sterling virtues as a man of affairs. His life however, conveys to the Negro people some especial object lessons which we may remember to our infinite advantage.

Mr. Hanna became a power in politics only after he had built up a powerful prestige in the world of business, and was not entrusted with the interests of others until he had demonstrated his capacity to successfully manage his own. He laid out a foundation in industry and thrift before expecting to construct a career of leadership. He had a firm backing in the "substantials."

Mr. Hanna was square. He hated shams and pretenders. He detested liars and hypocrits. In all of his dealings in business or politics he was the soul of frankness and rugged honesty. He found out early in life that deceit has no standard value, and that the confidence of his fellow men is an asset that is always above par.

Mr. Hanna had a definite purpose in everything to which he turned his hand, and followed it up with intelligently directed zeal and unremitting effort until the desired result was achieved. He has had faith in himself and knew how to choose men who had ability and would work in accord with his ideas. He was systematic, painstaking and thorough in all that he tried to do. He possessed the supreme knack of "doing things" and getting things done.

Mr. Hanna was not discouraged by the abuse and misrepresentation which enemies hurled upon his devoted head in the heat of battle; he was not dismayed by the studied misinterpretation of his character and policies, nor was he disheartened by the treachery of men who ought to have been his staunchest friends. He walked unmoved through the gauntlet of a mob-like clamor, and by the unostentatious display of qualities that endure and persistence in a work that was constructive, expansive and uplifting he reaped a merited vindication that gave his real friends unbounded gratification and hurled confusion in the ranks of his detractors.

Mark Hanna's life exemplifies the rich possibilities that lie in the path of a boy, white or black, who carries into his daily duties, be they humble or exalted, a pluck that does not falter in the presence of obstacles, and a determination to be true to the ideals of honor and probity embodied in the Golden Rule.

American manhood is dignified, and our political and commercial history is illuminated beyond measure for knowing Mark Hanna for what he was.

As this letter was being penned the gratifying news comes from Washington that the Senate Committee on Commerce has authorized a favorable report on the nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum to be collector of customs at the port of Charleston, S. C Thus a long and aggravating fight is brought to a close, as the Republican majority in the Senate will sustain the report of the majority report of the committee. The result is a glorious victory for an "open door of opportunity" for the worthy Negro citizen, and the effect of the victory reaches out much further than a mere success for Dr. Crum, the individual. A vital principle, touching the nation's fundamental structure, was here involved, and every lover of liberty, equality and civic righteousness will rejoice that the constitution has been upheld after one of the sharpest and most stubborn contests since the war between the states, and that the national authority has refused to declare that color is, in itself, a natural barrier to participation in the benefits and prerogatives of American citizenship. The brunt of the fight has been borne by President Roosevelt, and to his uncompromising loyalty to the faith of the fathers the happy termination is due. Notwithstanding the presence of a working Republican majority on the committee and in the senatorial body the situation looked extremely squally for Dr. Crum for many months, and only the most optimistic dared to hope for anything but ultimate failure. President Roosevelt made the case a personal issue—not from the standpoint that a colored man must have this particular place—but he held that color should not be the basis of official acceptability and here was an excellent opportunity to impress that philosophy in a manner that would stand as a luminous precedent. How he clung to Crum in the face of Democratic malediction and Republican apathy is a matter of history. The fidelity of Grover Cleveland to James C. Matthews, C. H. J. Taylor and H. C. C. Astwood are recalled by the Crum episode, but none of those episodes engendered anything like the bitterness that burst forth from the southern people and the senate then had no such brazen defender of political anarchy and racial subjugation as Benjaman R. Tillman. The confirmation of Dr. Crum is a most satisfactory close of an unpleasant incident, and American institutions are stronger for the test which President Roosevelt's strict sense of justice compelled him to make.

The Kentucky legislature couldn't adjourn without giving the Negroes a rap of some kind. The Carl Day bill to prevent the co education of the races in any school within the confines of the state has passed the House in substantially the form that it will finally become a law. The majority in favor of the measure was decisive, and be it said to the disgrace of the Republicans of the body, six members of the party of Lincoln were perfidious enough to becloud their fine record against disfranchisement by voting for its twin evil, race proscription in the arena of learning. That they may be hung in mental effigy by self-respecting white and black men we give their names. The five renegade Republicans who misrepresented the tenets of their party and betrayed their constituents were Guffy, Rogers, Burchett, Park Davis and Smith. They could not have defeated the bill, but they could have gone on record against a foolish and unnecessary piece of class legislation. In order to give the officials of Berea College, at which institution the measure is specially aimed, an opportunity to prepare to put the law in force it was arranged to suspend the operations of the new provisions until July 15, next. Another proviso was included in the measure, to the effect that two schools, one for whites and the other for blacks, might be maintained by the same college, if they are kept separate and located not closer to each other than twenty-five miles. It is not ascertainable at this time whether Berea will be divided in accord with the latter proviso, or be held exclusively for white students. President Frost is giving out nothing for publication as to his intentions until the bill finally becomes a law by the signature of Governor Beckham. The feeling among the conservative whites is that the blow at Berea College is a backward step for Kentucky, and the colored people are outspoken in their opinion that the school should be removed, bag and baggage, into a state where no such restrictions against co-education exist.

The subjoined clipping from the Baltimore Afro-American Ledger sets us to wordering whether the Monumental City is losing its reputed taste for intellectual pabulum, or whether the gentleman in question is carrying a line of goods that does not appeal to the Baltimorean appetite. The Ledger says:

> "It is a pity that such a splendid lecturer as Prof. Kelley Miller, of Howard University, a man who has so much to say and who can say it well, should be invited to this city and have less than fifty persons present to hear him. Those who are responsible for this condition of affairs ought to feel ashamed that they could not secure for him a better audience."

As this happened before the destructive fire, there was no excuse for the failure of the people to attend, if they really wished to hear Prof. Miller.

SHARPS AND FLATS.

Perhaps it is difficult for us to comprehend fine distinctions, but we fail to see why a Negro postmistress is all right at Beaufort, S. C., and all wrong at Indianola.

It is pretty safe to say that thse Southern congressmen who know their elections to be tainted with fraud will not follow the fine example of Mr. Shofroth, of Colorado, by resigning their seats.

We admire the man who is thoughtful and thrifty enough to accumulate property but we hope he won't make us and everyone else tired by eternally blowing about it. Get there, but don't brag of your achievements. The world has a way of finding out all it wants to know about your affairs.

A government job in Washington is all right if you can get a good, steady one, but a young man who has an opportunity to practice a profession, follow a firstclass trade or establish any kind of a business in his home town had better cast down his bucket where he is.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, a trenchant and accurate writer is doing the race an immense amount of good through her articles in the Washington Post descriptive of the Negro's educational, business and social progress. The Post's clientete, including its editor, needs all the literature of this kind they can get their hands on.

Dr. James H. Fitzbutler, secretary of the corporation controlling the Louisville National Medical College, is to take up an extensive post-graduate work at Rush Medical College in Chicago. Dr. Fitzbutler is a young man of fine attainments and bids fair to win a high place in the ranks of the medical fraternity.

The problems our great cities must face in the near future more bravely than they have done in the past how are to get rid of their slum districts. They are an eye-sore and a menace to public health and morals. The Negro slums in the larger cities, like Louisville, St. Louis, Baltimore, Mobile, Washington and New orleans are something "fierce."

A publishing house in Boston, in charge of that excellent printer, scholarly litterateur and thorough going journalist, Mr. Charles Alexander, would be a success from the word "go." We understand that Mr. Alexander is, also, to assume the active direction of the Boston Colored Citizen.

R. W. THOMPSON.

Jackson Items.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Mr. Bert Becks is sick at his home on First St. * * Miss Butlers, of Hamilton, Canada, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. John Wesby and Mrs. Herbs Gross. * * Mr. Frank Fields, of Albion, spent Sunday in this city. * * Mr. James Brooks is very ill at his home on George St. * * Miss Tillie Hill is indisposed at her home on Pearl St. * * Any one wishing anything in the line of hair goods will find them at Flossie M. Johnson's, 259 E. Washington St. * * Mrs. Mary Powers and daughter and Mrs. Albert McDonald left Saturday for Toledo, where they will spend three or four weeks. * * Any one wishing The Freeman will please call on our agent, Miss Flossie M. Johnson.

THE VALUE OF ART

PRINCIPAL'S ASSOCIATION ADDRESSED BY C. D. WRIGHT

WILL NOT ANNEX SAN DOMINGO

The Washington Post's Attitude Towards the Two Black Republics of the West Indies—Mark A. Hanna's Successor—Personals and Locals.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22, 1904.

The death of Hon. Marcus A. Hanna has caused a big shakeup in national politics. Mr. Hanna, as chairman of the Republican National Committee and as Senator representing the great commonwealth of Ohio, sustaining as he did, close relations to the business world, was a most potential factor in American politics. He was the leader of the forces that were closely allied to the McKinley administration, and there are many who thought that he was the natural heir and legitimate legatee of that administration. As long as there was health in his body, he was a presidential possibility, but he had too keen a sight into affairs political, and was too sagacious a statesman not to have seen that President Roosevelt had the call for the nomination by his party and election to the presidency, in this year of grace, 1904. For one reason or another, persons tried to create the spirit of rivalry between the President and the Chairman of the National Committee, but thanks to the common sense and good judgment of both, the mischiefmakers utterly failed in their unhallowed undertaking. The entente cordiale existed between these two great men to the moment of Mr. Hanna's death. Now the McKinley people, the Hanna people and the Fairbanks people are all for Roosevelt.

The outlook is that General Charles Dick, who now represents the Akron, Ohio, district in Congress wil be Mr. Hanna's successor in the United States Senate. Gen. Dick is a strong man and forcible advocate of manhood rights. Next to Hon. E. D. Crumpacker, of Indiana, Gen. Dick is the champion of the principle for cutting down representation in the Southern States that have passed laws disfranchising the Negro in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution. Men of his stamp are needed in the Senate, and if the people of Ohio should select Gen. Dick to represent them in the upper house of Congress, they will confer a benefit upon the nation.

Hon. W. R. Warnock, who represents the Urbana, Ohio, district in Congress, has also been mentioned as a suitable successor to the late Senator Hanna. The colored people feel especially favorable toward Judge Warnock for the part taken by him in favor of the Inquiry Commission bill, and they appreciate his services in getting through the Committee on Labor and presenting a favorable report on the bill.

The Washington Post of the 20th inst., in referring to Haiti and Santo Domingo has this to say, showing the attitude of that journal respecting the two black republics in the west Indies:

> "Returning to our muttons—which, for the moment, are represented by Haiti and Santo Domingo—we congratulate the government upon its determination to avoid all traps laid for it by the various Dominican factions. We have been semi-officially assured that the administration will not be forced into annexing Santo Domingo, no matter what outrages our interests may suffer or what alluring vistas of power and expansion reveal themselves to the gaze of frugal vigilance. We still insist that Haiti and Santo Domingo offer infinitely riched rewards to well directed enterprise than Panama, the Phillipines or far Cathay. We still maintain the superior possibilities of opulence awaiting scientific exploitation there. But we have some very formidable contracts on our hands at present, and wisdom counsels at least a temporary hesitation in undertaking new ones.
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> "We find it possible, therefore, to restrain a certain impatience, touching the occupation of Santo Domingo—not permanently, of course, but only until we shall have set these adventures in reasonably smooth running order."

The principals' association of the District of Columbia was addressed on Wednesday last by Hon. Carrolll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, on the subject, "The Value of Art and Skill in Industry." In speaking of the moral effect of skilled industry, Mr. Wright said, "A very large source of crime comes from charitable institutions where kindness and love are lavishly bestowed, but the economic side of nature and skilled training are neglected. The kind of labor calling for most skill among men is more a preventive of crime than any code of criminal laws. Every man is better by knowing something of the classics, but the man who is content to live with them in the past is the one who is retrograding."

On Monday night last at the Grand Army Hall, the Amphions, Mr. J. Henry Lewis, director, held their annual reception. The Aeolians, Tuesday at True Reformers' hall, and the Emersons, Thursday at Odd Fellows' hall, were the other social events of the past week. They were all successful and well enjoyed.

Hon. William E. Andrews, auditor for the United States Treasury Department, is an orator of unusual ability, as was shown by the masterly oration delivered by him at the lyceum of the Second Baptist Church, on Sunday last, the occasion being Washington's birthday exercises. Mr. Andrews has promised to address the National Sociological society in the near future.

The citizens of the District of Columbia, irrespective of race or color are preparing to turn out en masse to hear Prof. Booker T. Washington speak at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Friday evening, March 18th.

Whatever may be said for or against Mr. Washington, the fact remains that his ability to draw large crowds of people together on any occasion when he is to speak is equalled by no other American citizen, and we advise those who want to hear him on the evening of March 18th to go early in order to obtain seats.

Under the presidency of Mr. Arthur S. Gray, the Pen and Pencil Club is now doing the work for which it was organized, namely, to desseminate facts respecting the progress of the colored people and to mold a healthy sentiment in favor of law and order.

The night schools of Washington, which are about to close by reason of a lack of funds, will continue until the first of May, having received an appropriation from Congress to enable them to do so.

Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, of Shiloh Baptist Church, Rev. S. L. Corrothers, of Galbrath church, and Rev. George W. Lee, of Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, are all conducting great revival services.

Mr. H. P. Slaughter, at one time president of the Pen and Pencil Club, is now astride of the tripod in the editorial sanctum of the Washington Record. The paper is a little late getting out, but it comes up bright and smiling.

The vigorous policy of Hon. William F. Powell, in dealing with Dominican affairs has the approval of a strenuous administration which is intensely American.

The appointment of Mr. William Forbes, of Boston, Mass., as a member of the Philippine commission is well received at Washington.

It is said that the well known Temple quartette, Messrs. Franklin and Carter, Misses Nettie Murray and Marie James, will soon join the Aeolions.

The Pen and Pencil Club is well represented on the list of those who speak or preside at the memorial exercises for George Washington in the public schools, Tuesday, the 20th inst.

Mr. A. H. Grimke, of Boston, has been in the city for a little over a week and will address the Armstrong Manual Training School on the occasion mentioned above.

The Howard University Standard, a semi-monthly journal, published by the senior class of the university, has a circulation of more than five thousand copies.

It is regretted in colored circles here that Mr. Charles W. Anderson is not to try conclusions with Hon. W. Bourke Cockran in the 12th district of New York.

Miss Bessie Miller has been appointed to the position of cooking teacher in the public schools of the District of Columbia. She won the place by competitive examination.

Dr. I. A. Boyd, of 11th Street, N. W., takes a lively interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the race. He is a great admirer of the sage of Tuskegee.

EDWARD H. LAWSON.

THE TUSKEGEE CONFERENCE

INTERESTING TOPICS DISCUSSED PERTAINING TO RACE

Men of Prominence in Attendance—Resolutions Adopted—Most Enthusiastic Gathering Yet Held at the Institution.

Despite adverse reports from the weather bureau, the thirteenth annual session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference, which assembled here on the 17th and 18th, proved to be the most enthusiastic meeting ever held, the attendance surpassing the expectation of the most hopeful friends of the movement. These meetings annually have become such a splendid force in the work for the amelioriation of the condition of the Southern Negro that attention is attracted to them not only in the Southland, but the North as well recognizes them as the great constructive work for reaching the "unreached," the "submerged nine-tenths," consequently, when the thirteenth session was called to order last Wednesday by Dr. Booker T. Washington, besides over a thousand farmers and mechanics from every part of the South, who had come to receive encouragement and report progress made during the last year, there were many from the North, who, hearing of these meetings, or from interest in the future of the American man of color, had journeyed to lend aid and comfort to these men and women at Tuskegee who have consecrated their lives to the uplifting of their people.

It was a splendid sight to look into the faces of so many men and women of the race who, despite disadvantages, despite lack of education and in face of a terrific opposition in some cases, were willing to journey here on foot, some of them, to hear how some man or woman had risen to ownership of land by sacrifice, and perhaps to return to their homes and begin the purchase of a home, or the erection of a school house for their children. They came, though, some in cars, some in buggies, some in ox-carts and many, as I have said, on foot, but they came, nevertheless, and with them they brought words of good cheer for the race and hope for the Nation.

The reports this year were particularly encouraging. From the moment Dr. Washington had concluded his admirable address in which he laid down the manly principles that "the world likes brave people," which was received with an encouraging applause, until the closing hour, there were surprising reports from every section of the South of the moral and material progress of the race; but there was never a report that did not include the progress of the district school and this progress, this taking on of new life, both in the school and on the farm was in most cases attributed to the influence of these conferences directly or through some person who had attended a session.

To appreciate the wide influence and the field for usefulness the Conference has, which it is admirably using, one man from Arkansas came to attend the Conference who owned 1,800 acres of land, and he owned it mainly from hearing so much through a Conference what land meant to any people, "and since I consider myself somebody, I struck out to own land as well." That was from Arkansas. There was a gentleman from Tennessee who came to tell the Conference how the colored people in his country had thrown off the old idea that to work is degrading and to own land a bother, and are now engaged in buying farm lands and are cultivating them. He was from Tennessee. A gentleman from Alabama told how the patrons of his school had planted and worked and picked their cotton on land owned by the school and slept in the cotton house at night in order to raise money sufficient to prolong the school term to eight months. Right there and then the Conference justified itself if its influence had done no more than brought these particular people to a realization of the duty they owed their children—a duty which they thoroughly apreciated, such would be enough to repay the time and the money spent by Tuskegee to reach the darkest parts of the Southland. And there are hundreds of such people who have learned from three conferences lessons that have

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We Are Reflecting During This Lenton Season.

Why not an Indiana Tuskegee?

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What has become of Prof. Hugh M. Brown?

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Why not Roosevelt and Fairbanks by acclamation?

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Will it be Bishop J. W. E. Bowen at Los Angeles?

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If we arn't making history rather rapidly nowadays.

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That there are lots of things one never learns at school.

* * *

That Mrs. Crum is pretty sure to get an Easter bonnet out of the deal.

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If the special African bishop issue in the A. M. E. Church isn't a "dead 'un?"

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When will Prof. Kelly Miller play a return lecture engagement in the classic city of Baltimore?

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Did the Jay Albert Johnson bishopic boom get within scorching distance of the Baltimore fire?

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What is the best process of moulding the Indians of Indian Territory into good Republicans?

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How long has the average Kentuckian made twenty-five miles the limit of contact with the Negro?

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How an intelligent and thrifty Negro justifies his failure to subscribe for at least one race paper.

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How many full fledged Negro delegates will the Northern states send to the Chicago convention?

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It it wouldn't be well for Governor Jim Vardaman to change the brand of "tea" he has been drinking.

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Will Hon. John P. Green and Hon. Harry C. Smith reach an agreement as to a successor to Senator Hanna?

* * *

That Senator Tillman will not be likely to select the Charleston custom house as his loafing place this summer.

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Wouldn't Col. Harry S. New make excellent senatorial timber in the event Senator Fairbanks is made vice-President?

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Is it true that the Washington colored newspapers are saving their precious intellectual stock by using canned "editorials?"

* * *

If Booker T. Washington's forthcoming life of Frederick Douglass isn't pretty apt to reach the million copy mark in sales?

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Will J. Milton Turner be called upon to keep open house and do the elegant during the entire World's Fair season at St. Louis?

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Will the United Colored Democracy of New York City line up for William Randolph Hearst when the signal comes to "tap the bar'l?"

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Will it be Gov W. Murray Crane or Senator Henry Cabot Lodge for the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee?

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If there isn't reason to believe that the Washington Record will enjoy a boom now that the Cromwellian incubus has been unloaded.

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Are the personal opinions of Rev. (?) D. R. Wilkins thrown in for good measure along with his physical services on the Chicago Conservator?

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Will the Georgia delegation have the good judgement to re-elect Register J. W. Lyons to succeed himself as a member of the national committee?

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Wouldn't New Albany, Ind., be a splendid site for Berea College, if its trustees decide to move out of the race-proscriptive state of Kentucky?

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With Jay Wesley Cromwell superseded as editor of the Washington Record what will the Jay Albert Johnson bishopric boom do for an organ?

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Will E. H. Morris now take the cue and try to do something to cause the people of Illinois to remember that he has had a seat in the legislature?

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Couldn't ex-Editor Cromwell be induced to fill the vacant editorial chair in the sanctum of either the Washington Bee or the Colored American?

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Why should an esteemed Washington contemporary agitate its gray matter with solicitude because of a dark, dismal fear that The Freeman is apt to be involved in a libel suit through the matter sent in by our able corps of correspondents?

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What would Bishop Arnett say to President Robert T. Lincoln, of the Pullman Company, if he could have a heart to heart talk along about now?

* * *

Are the laymen of the two Methodist denominations preparing to make a determined raid upon the heretofore inviolable preserves of the ministerial cabal?

* * *

If the opponents of the co-education of the races at Berea College feel that they have earned a monument by reason of their eminent services in behalf of humanity.

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Wouldn't it be a paying investment for the A. M. E. Church to elect three bishops this year and place energetic young laymen in the purely administrative general offices of the connection?

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If those "virtuous" organs which declaim so vociferously against "subsidies" are not just about as sincere as a certain class of "has beens" who ring the changes in opposition to office-holders.

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Cannot Bethel Literary Society of Washington find out how Frank Manly pried Jay Wesley Cromwell loose from the Record, and relieve that once progressive organization of its one deadweight?

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If spiteful preachers do not find it a mighty poor business venting their spleen upon the unoffending head of a hustling head of a newspaper man, whose memory is long and resources abundant.

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If undue emotionalism is not repugnant to this age, when intelligence and culture suggest self-restraint as a cardinal virtue, and practical work for humanity as the best method of showing christian zeal.

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Wouldn't this be a good bishopric "slate" for the two great Methodist conferences: A. M. E., Revs. H. T. Johnson, J. M. Conner and J. M. Townsend; A. M. E. Zion, Revs. J. W. Smith and J. S. Caldwell?

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Why do not colored capitalists operate excursion boats this summer at such points on the Ohio river as Louisville and Cincinnati, and get a share of the tremendous business that is now being mopolized by the whites?

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If the awful visitation of the fire fiend at Baltimore was not a stinging rebuke from Providence to the advocates of the proposed disfranchisement of the Negro citizens under discussion at the time in the state legislature.

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Is there a Negro man or woman in the country who is not delighted with Booker T. Washington's masterly speech in defense of Negro education delivered in New York on Lincoln's birthday before the Armstrong Association?

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If Whitfield McKinley of South Carolina and Washington, has been able to restrain his joy over Dr. Crum's confirmation sufficiently to care whether he ever carries through another real estate deal this side of Jordan.

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If Editor—beg pardon, ex-editor—Cromwell will find some means of publishing the proceedings of his recent conference with proprietor Frank G. Manly—a la the "fake" report of the secret conference of educators in New York.

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DIVORCE LEGALS.

Myrtle E. Jones vs William H Jones	State of Indiana, Marion Co., ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion county In the State of Indiana. No. 13122 Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 8th day of February 1904 the above named plaintiff, by her attorneys, filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant William H. Jones and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant William H Jones is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 6th day of April, 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby noticed of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 6th day of April 1904, the same being the 3rd judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in April 1904 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence.

WM. E. DAVIS, Clerk

A. H. DICKEY, Attorney for Plaintiff, 44 N. Delaware Street

DIVORCE LEGAL.

Edward E. Ehrich vs Fannie Ehrich	State of Indiana, Marion Co, ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion Co., In the State of Indiana. No. 13129 Complaint Divorce,

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 12th day of Feb. 1904, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant Fannie Ehrich and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Fannie Ehrich is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 16th day of April, 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said Court said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 16th day of April, 1904 the same being the 3rd judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in April, 1904, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence.

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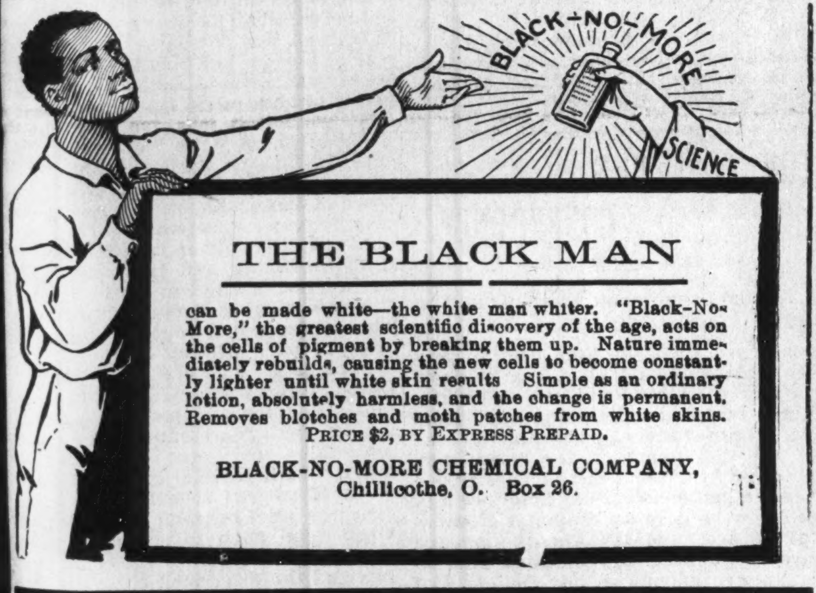

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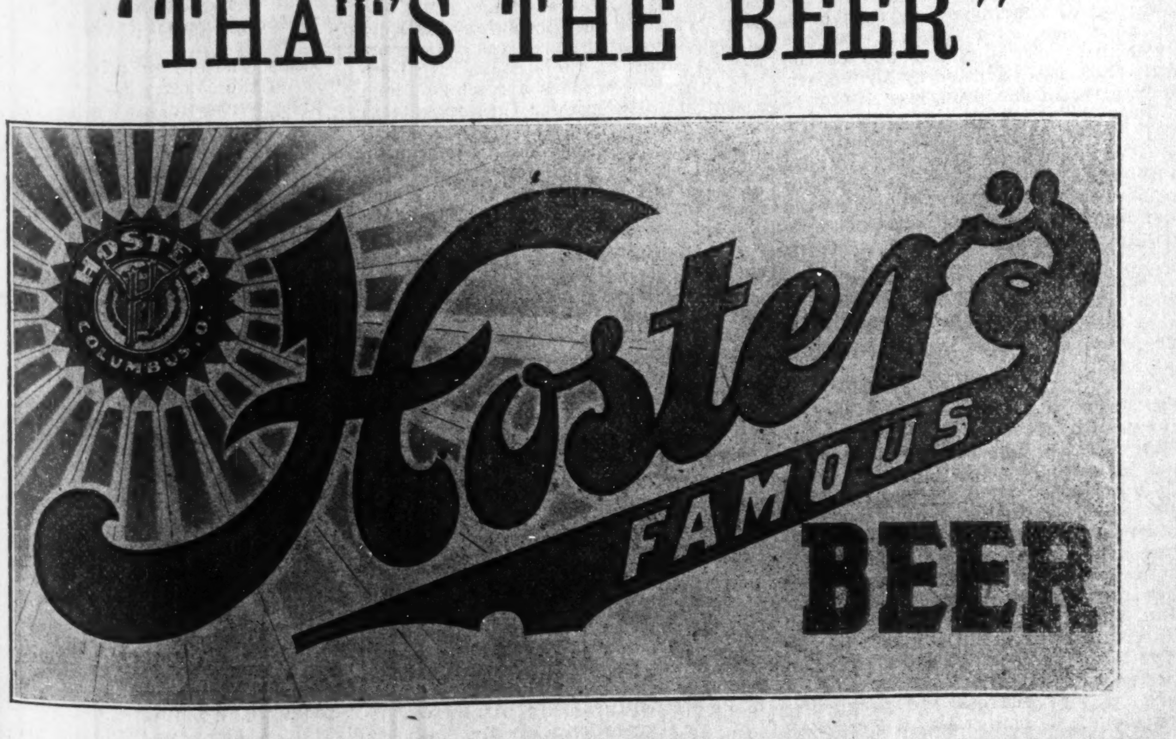

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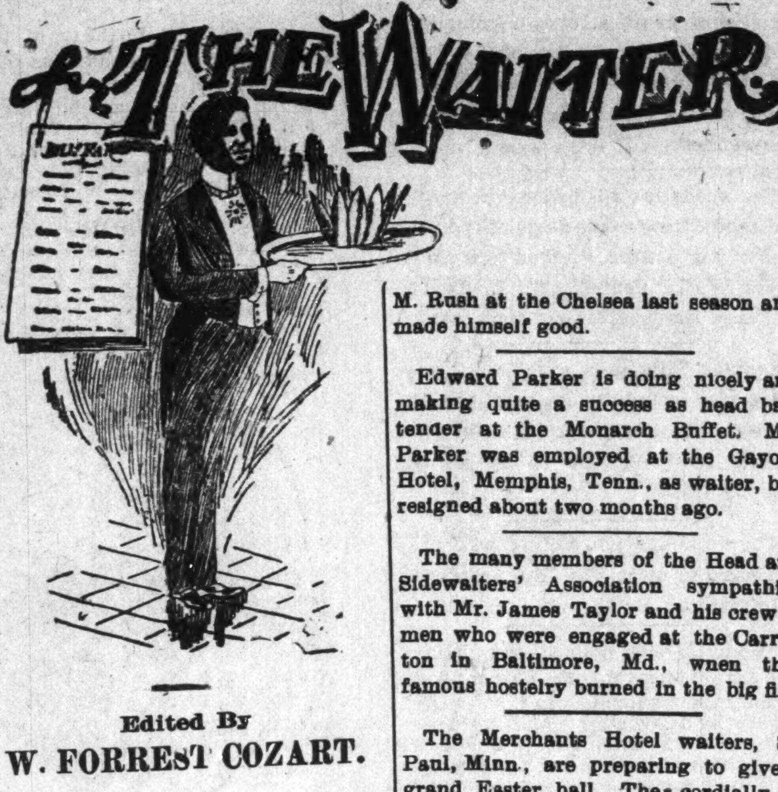

Edited By
W. FORREST COZART.

The winter season at the many Florida hotels are now on in full and the boys are filling their coffers.

Every waiter should become a subscriber to The Freeman, the paper that made the colored waiters famous.

Charles Johnson is still doing nicely at the Bolton Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa., where he has been headwaiter for quite awhile.

L. J. Rice is still doing a good business in his restaurant at 214 Ludlow street, Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Rice is an ex-headwaiter.

H. M. Bailey is the efficient headwaiter at the Watson Hotel, Fairmont, W Va. Mr. Watson is also a member of the Head and Sidewaiters's National Association.

A. I. Woodlyn has returned to Atlantic City, N. J, where he is again in charge of the dining room of the Chelsea Hotel. Mr. Woodlyn succeeded R. M. Rush at the Chelsea last season and made himself good.

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Edward Parker is doing nicely and making quite a success as head bartender at the Monarch Buffet. Mr Parker was employed at the Gayoso Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., as waiter, but resigned about two months ago.

The many members of the Head and Sidewaiters' Association sympathize with Mr. James Taylor and his crew of men who were engaged at the Carrelton in Baltimore, Md., wnen that famous hostelry burned in the big fire.

The Merchants Hotel waiters, St. Paul, Minn., are preparing to give a grand Easter ball, They cordially extend an invitation to all comers. Come one, come all and enjoy yourselves at the ball. S. Harris, chairman; T. Smith, assistant; J. McConnell, floor manager; S. Barnes, doorman; W. M. Taylor, assistant; W. P. Lewis, president.

In ths death of Senator Marcus A. Hanna the Republicans lose one of their greatest organizers. Senator Hanna was also quite friendly to the colored waiters. During the national campaign in 1900 Senator Hanna in his effort to re-elect President McKinley had the waiters of Chicago organized, and he addressed them (6 000 strong) in the Second Regiment Armory. At this meeting F. L. Barnett, the chairman of the evening, was introduced by one of the Hyde Park waiters, who could not read his own name, and yet he made a good five-minute speech, and Senator Hanna, as well as the audience, cheered the speaker many times. The editor had the honor of being one of the assistant headwaiters at the reception given Miss Ruth Hanna when she made her debut in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1901. The reception was served in the Chamber of Commerce.

QUESTION OF TRAINING.

BY JOHN B. GOINS.

In almost every occupation where skill and talent, brain and art are necessary to acquire a profession, there must be a preparatory school of training, and in order to enable them to keep abreast with the progressive times, there should be a training school for sidewaiters, though I doubt if one could be successfully maintained to the advantage of a student for the dining room. A pupil could attend one of these schools and be taught the art of table service, and, in the teacher's opinion, be competent to enter the dining room. A young student may attend a medical college with a view to becoming a surgeon, and may learn to amputate a limb, finger or remove an eye from a subject that has been dead for weeks, but could you tell what the student would do if he were summoned to a railway station, where a man had been crushed by the cars, a raving maniac with pain and misery, and it were necessary to remove a limb? Then your young student's nerve would be put to a severe test when trying to decide what to do. He had learned to remove, in a scientific manner, a limb from a dead and not a living subject.

The sidewaiter may be taught the art and science of service in all its branches in a school of training, and be offered as an accomplished waiter but when he enters the dining room his head begins to swim; his eyes are gazing at the ceiling; his feet cannot find room enough on the floor to walk, but will hook into every chair he passes, and he will knock over everything he comes in contact with. He imagines everybody in the room is watching him and he is trembling like an aspen leaf. In his school of training he did not see so many tables, such a large number of waiters and so many guests; bright lights shining in every direction; guests and waiters passing him at every turn. The heat from the kitchen is suffocating, and he finds himself completely bathed in perspiration, still he has not touched a dish In his school he did not find so much excitement; the heat in his training kitchen did not register 110 degrees. He had never set his tray down with half of his order on it to return and find it gone. He was not taught what to do in these emergencies, so he remains right where he last had his tray, thinking some one was kind enough to take his tray and finish his order.

For a sidewaiter to master the art and science in table waiting, he should make it a practical and scientific study, according to prevailing "ideas and notions."

ARTISTIC SERVICE.

The effect of artistic service depends wholly on the class of guests a waiter is serving, for a great many guests are ignorant of what constitutes good service, and do not know when they are being properly waited on. In the training school the student is taught to serve oysters first for dinner; for breakfast he was taught to serve fruit before oatmeal, but in the dining room the old saying is illustrated: "One man can take a horse to water, but ten thousand men cannot make him drink." A waiter can be taught what articles to serve first and last, but he cannot make the diner eat them in their proper order. The majority of hotel guests eat according to the dictates of their own conscience, notions and ideas and woe be unto the waiter that tries to tell a guest what to eat and when to eat it, without solicitation. I believe the best training school for a student to learn table service in is the main dining room under the watchful eye of efficient officers. He can perfect himself, providing the talent is there. Put him in a waiter's uniform and then give him to understand that to succeed as a waiter there are three very important objects to keep in view. The first object, above all things, is to "make time" The second object, which is very hard to accomplish, is to "make time." The third object, which he must not fail to do, is "make time," Next give him a station and let him stand there for a half hour, then shift him from one side of the room to the other, that he may get accustomed to walking between the tables for he imagines he is walking a tight rope for a while. Next, trust him to remove soiled dishes from the table, with as little noise as can be made; then to serve water and finally we trust him to carry a tray of soiled dishes to the kitchen. Then we try his memory by sending him after different articles, and continue to increase the taxation until he he has proven that his memory is sufficient to try an order.

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and life is thorny and youth is vain
 and to be wroth, with one we love
doth work like madness on the brain"—byron

must thou go, my glorious chief
 severed from thy faithful few
who can tell thy warrior's grief
 maddening o'er that adieu—byron

Notes of Interest.

French Lick Springs, Ind., Special.—Pythian Club, which is composed of members of various lodges throughout the United States, met recently and after the general routine of business luncheon was served. Every member is much enthused over the meeting, and they expect to give a social entertainment in the near future. The boys have taken great interest in their rooms in the excellent quarters which the hotel company has assigned them. The building, which is a two story structure, is electric lighted, steam heated and has a barbershop and other conveniences Lee Babbage, the custodian, is busy preparing for the season's crew which has began to arrive. Rob Holden, Will Watts, Jerry Reed and Henry Williams have returned from Louisville. Beck Davis has returned from a business trip to Indianapolis.

Lebanon Personals.

Lebanon, Ky., Special.—Mrs. Mayme Cosby and Miss Amanda Gates, of St. Louis, Mo., are visiting the family of Mrs. M. A. Gates.—Prof. J. Walter Roberts, who has been quite ill with pneumonia is on the road to recovery—Walter D. Mayse, of Louisville, Ky, paid a short visit to Lebanon last week, on account of the illness of his mother, Mrs. Adeline Mayse.—The debate on the subject: "Trial by Jury," which was scheduled for Friday, February 19, has been declared off on account of illness of J. W. Roberts, one of the participants.—At the "Queen of Sheba" entertainment Saturday night, February 13, the prize of a sterling silver loving cup was won by Robert McElroy. The entertainment was under the auspices of the ladies of the C M. E. Church.—The leap year supper given by the Minister's Club of the C. M. E. Church, Miss Laura Maxwell, president, bids fair to be a success Saturday night, February 20, at the U. B of F. hall.—Dr. Locke is in our midst. We owe it to ourselves to call him in to attend our sick, as he is thoroughly able and qualified to fill all positions where medical knowledge is required. Furthermore, it is our duty to pay him for his services; there are some among our race who think it will bring "bad luck" if they pay the Doctor Dr Locke is a thorough scholar and a gentleman, being a graduate with high honors from Meharry Medical College of Nashville.—Last week Uncle George Perice, who bore the reputation of being a "hoo doo" doctor, died at the advanced age of 86 years. When he died his wife, "Cindy" was in apparent good health, on the day of the funeral she was taken very sick, and while they were burying Uncle George Aunt Cindy peacefully passed away to join Uncle George in the great beyond. On comparing time it was found that exactly at the time when the last clod of earth was thrown on Uncle George's grave Aunt Cindy died. It was a remarkable conincidence.

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NOTICE.

We desire to say that Grant S. Neal formerly connected with The Freeman as solicitor, is no longer serving in that capacity. Obligations contracted by him will not be honored by us.

A NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION.

An association known as the Negro Press Association, of Virginia has resulted from a call by Editor E. W. Brown of the Reformer, which held its sessions in Richmond, Va., last week. Mr. Brown is a man of influence in his State, and is favorably known throughout the Union owing to his relation with the great Order of True Reformers. The association expressed itself as in sympathy with the Morrell bill and favors the nomination of President Roosevelt as his own successor; it opposes "jim crow" expositions having in mind the proposed appropriation of the unclaimed $200,000 in the United States Treasury belonging to Negro soldiers and sailors, which money is now sought by individuals with the view of supporting a Negro exhibit at the forthcoming Jamestown exposition; it is against disfranchising acts and discrimination in the distribution of school funds.

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The Press Association of Virginia is to be congratulated for its success in forming an association whose actions and deliberations prove conclusively that it is worth the while. That State has done what every State should do; form an honest press association of the newspapers by colored men where unanimity of opinion is agreed on in advocating or opposing those issues so vital to the race. These State associations should in turn send delegates to a National association that is a National association and not a political adjunct.

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Negro press conventions have been scarcely more than burlesques in the past, but there have been honest attempts to get together, but the honester they were the less they were appreciated. Honest attempts mean footing your own bills if necessary, and it must be a very great convention when you can make many see the sense of doing such a thing. And as the conventions of the past, press or otherwise, have been conducted paying the price would have been very, very dear. But conditions are changing; colored men are changing; no longer are all camp followers and political vultures, but many are active participants in the fray. Old conditions are breaking up; education is telling both ways—the two-edged sword—on the Negroes and on the white folks,—disfranchisements, jim-crowism are being spiritually routed; arbitrary maintenance is the last defense, maintained with much stolidity of show, but which must give away before the avalanche of reason, justice and right, the court of the last resort of men with hearts bowed down, but not their heads.

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Press associations by colored men are more needful institutions than those by white men, yet those of the latter are everywhere, and it may as well be admitted while "on the press" that we are not as thoughtful of newspapers by colored men as we should be; they are relied on to champion the race and its causes in dark and evil hours; when some one is maltreated; when the race is robbed of a right, but, in the season of calms, when the riled waters of political or civil perturbation slows down and vexation gives away before its brief respite, we are too apt to forget the part the paper has played. Of course the Negro press cannot compete with the white press as a purveyor of news; it does not pretend to such distinction, but it, nevertheless has its duty to perform; it tells the news which is sometimes subtracted elsewhere; it arrests very often the story of criminal assault, the piece which is played so studiously and effectively, flinging back the slander in the face of those that sent it; it talks to the world of the white man's misdoings until red-faced shame forces him to the admonition of his conscience when he seeks to make good the result of his wicked machinations; its ear is ever to the ground catching up the pro testing cry, the diapason of woes from canebrake and rice fields, shouting the refrain around the world in rightful mutiny at society's cruel decree that civilization may be staggered and appalled.

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Colored society, as it is known, absolutely depends upon the Negro press, but we make no mistake when we say that the relations are not altogether reciprocal. Much is expected of the press in trying times, ordinary times, but the newspaper man's bill is the last one considered. Their efforts are criticised as young and feeble which, of course, is the case, but how may they become old and strong? The trees are dwarfed 'tis true, but they have the most tremendous loads in America to support; no nation has an issue in America except the Negroes. A statement is not necessarily a complaint, and, as we view it, it is but the law of compensation—evolution. Every nation must earn its bread by the sweat of its brow, come up regularly through the ages, trials and tribulations from the agricultural phase on to the period of poetry and music—the refining ages; the qualified receptacles for the deposition of the good things civilization's meridian day has in store for us. And while in the hands of seeming destiny yet we can make our salvation long drawn out if we are convicted of inertia and procrastination along the route. The Negro press is no mean agency, while crude and feeble it is nobly supporting a nation's woes. There are charlatans and black sheep as are likely to be in any thing, but on the whole it is conscientious and exerting an influence for good.

The Bank of Mound Bayou is the very good sounding title of a corporation for a banking business in the "purely" Negro town, Mound Bayou, Miss. The town is the protege of Hon. Isaiah T. Montgomery, who projected it, became its first mayor and who is yet an influential citizen of that community. The incorporators of the Bank of Mound Bayou have every reason to succeed. The people are reputed as thrifty, intelligent and economical, the saving graces to financial prosperity.

Messrs. C. R. Patterson & Sons, carriage builders, of Greenfield, Ohio, have issued, recently, a well illustrated catalogue, showing the products of their establishment. The firm is made up of colored men who do a first rate business in the manufacture of wagons and buggies. Their goods are sold all over the country.

Santo Domingo has had three revolutions within one year, which is too many for its own peace and happiness and not at all conducive to its political longevity. Our country claims it would not have it as a gift, but as a matter of self-defense the bucolic little island may have to be absorbed.

Dr. Crum has been entrenched in his position as Collector at the Port of Charleston, S. C., demonstrating the old and tried proposition that every thing comes to those who wait. The senate committee concluded to do the proper thing after trying a game of freeze out.

Hon. Hugh Th. Miller of Columbus, Ind., is a candidate for Lieut.-Governor of the State. He has been a member of the legislature, before which time he was well known in educational circles as a college professor. He is making a favorable impression.

Who will succeed Senator Fairbanks in event he concludes to stand for the vice-presidency is the question? Politicians are looking wise.

The Senate of the United States has ratified the Panama Canal Treaty. thus insuring a great artery of commerce midway the two continents of the Western Hemisphere — North and South America—the realization of the dream of centuries.

The woods are filled with gubernatorial candidates for the State of Indiana; men of big calibre, such as Warren G. Sayre, W. L. Penfield, W. L. Taylor, J. Frank Hanly have shied their castors

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Senator Tillman is amusing, if anything; he wouldn't vote with the Republicans on any proposition; he was among the very few to oppose the Panama treaty.

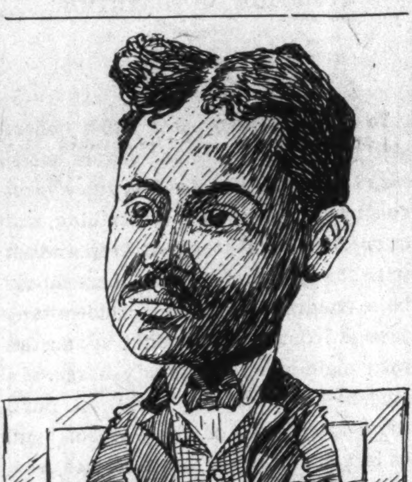
The Russians are telling how they are going to do it; the Japs are simply doing it.

"Now, the wise policy seems obvious. We should agree that the keeping down of millions of people, even if successful, would be destructive to civilized society, and a menance to the State. To treat them as if they had already risen would be equally so; for ignorance in the whites is deplorable. There is only one way to make satisfactory members of society, whether white or black, and that is through education in the widest sense."—Mr Andrew Carnegie addressing the meeting in the interest et Hampton Institute, held in the Madison Square Garden Concert Hall, February 12, 1904.

PENCILINGS.

By W. Milton Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.

Richard W. Thompson, a name I always confused with that of the old warhorse and Warrick, the late lamented Richard W. Thompson of Terre Haute, Ind., the Republican idol in his latter days, whose appearance on the stage was as a page of other days, and invoking a storm of cheers—then you would desire to be old and honored for the once, and youth seemed bizarre and blaze. But the R. W. I have in mind is a young colored man, none too young in age, but, like the evergreen trees, will be young until he dies; he is an Indiana product, born in New Albany, reared in Indianapolis, educated in its common and high schools and graduating from the university of books, observation and contact. I consider Mr. Thompson the most brilliant paragrapher of the race and one of the best in America. I do not take so well to his sustained "stuff" because he is brilliant all the time, when lights and shades are the "effects." Thompson is a newspaper man, perhaps the most thorough in the country of the race. He has never had a job so exacting but what he could jot down a few lines. He must just write, write, write; he is voluminous—prodigious! He was at Tuskegee not long since as secretary de secretary to Booker T. Washington, that is, to say, secretary to Mr. Washington's secretary; it sounds like a sinecure, but he tells me Washington preaches the gospel of labor on his own heath. His life there was "The Song of the Shirt"—seam and gusset, gusset and seam—an endless chain of work—they apostrophize work! Mr. Thompson is a regular contributor to The Freeman.



R W. THOMPSON.

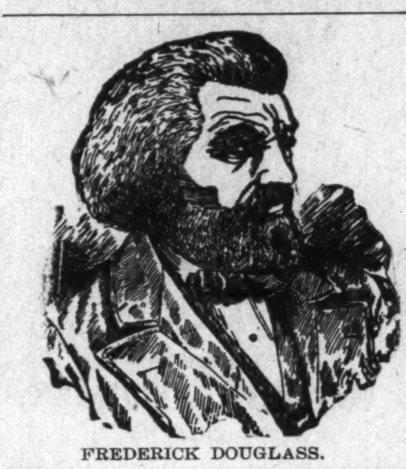
Muncie Happenings.

Muncie, Ind, Special—Allen's Day was observed at Jackson Street A. M. E. church with appropriate services at the Sunday-school Miss Boone and Miss Mae Stokes, Miss Hart and Miss Stewart furnished numbers on the program, which was well rendered and received. Rev. Taylor gave a review of the noble character of the venerable bishop and founder. A "Musicale" was given at the Second Baptist church Tuesday evening. The Sewing Circle of the Second Baptist church gave a valentine social Monday evening at the church. At this time Mr Washington is reported dying at his home in Beacon street.

PEN AND PENCIL CLUB LAUDS DOUGLASS.

The eighty-seventh birthday of the immortal Frederick Douglass was celebrated by the Pen and Pencil Club of Washington, D. C., at its annual dinner given last Saturday evening. The features of the occasion were "A Journalistic Puzzle," consisting of pen-sketch valentines representing leading Afro-American newspapers, drawn by Mr. Arthur S. Gray, the President of the Club, and eulogistic addresses delivered by members of the Literary Board of the organization.

Before repairing to the dining hall, The Club and its friends were entertained by solving or attempting to solve the Journalistic Puzzle. In this diversion some amusing results developed. For example, The Indianapolis Freeman which was represented by a valentine bearing the picture of an old slave to whom his former master was announcing his manumission was taken by one correspondent to be The Southern Workman! Another valentine representing the Colored Citizen of Boston, showing a colored resident of Boston depositing a ballot, looked like the Boston Globe to one contestant. Another sketch of a man announcing that a little girl was his ward, intended to sugest the Guardian, was hit upon as the Youth's Companion. A card bearing the picture of an insect stinging a politician was correctly guessed by all as being the Washington Bee. Other cartoons represented were as follows:



FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

The Plaindealer, Topeka: Nick Plane, dealing at a game of poker.

The Age, New York: A senile Knickbocker bent with age.

The Planet, Richmond: Saturn emerging from the clouds.

The Appeal, Chicago: A suitor popping the question.

The Record, Washington: A large book labeled "Principal events of 1903."

The Southern Watchman: A Georgia Negro, standing guard over a patch of melons.

The Statesman, Denver: Sketch of Webster and words, "skilled in affairs of state.

The Georgia Baptist: A Georgia preacher and candidate standing in the baptismal stream.

The Rising Sun, Kansas City: A frightened urchin springing from a pin-infested chair.

The Informer, Detroit: A pupil tattling upon his playmates.

The Bystander, Des Moines: A tramp standing by during a street fight.

The Light, Vicksburg: Weighing a man who tips the beam at but 90 pounds.

The Searchlight, Austin: A night scene at sea, with one battleship throwing its searchlight upon another.

The Tribune, Philadelphia: A transposition called the "Quaker Burteni."

Prizes were offered for the best solutions submitted, and were awarded as follows: To Robert Pelham, Jr., who correctly answered 26 out of a possible 30, a souvenir match tray, in which to put his match if ever he should find it. To Prof. W. A. Joiner, of the High School, who answered 24, Bell's Poems, presented to the Club by the publisher, Wilmot A. Johnson, of Lansing, Mich. To J. W. Wright, the booby prize, a shaving mug, to commemorate the close shave he had in winning last place.

On repairing to the dining room, Mr. Joiner, an intimate friend of Frederick Douglass, was introduced and entertained the Club with some interesting reminiscences of the great orator. On one occasion, Mr. Douglass, whom Mr. Joiner remembered as being one of the most graceful skaters he had ever seen, invited him to go skating upon the eastern branch of the Potomac. While engaged in that exhiliarating pastime, they passed a little child being drawn over the ice by her father. "Look, papa," said the little girl, "there goes Santa Claus!" Mr. Douglass immediately turned upon his skates, returned to the little girl and dropped a coin into her lap, and was rewarded by hearing the joyful words, "O, papa, see what Santa Claus has given me!" This is but one of the many incidents narrated by Mr. Joiner, illustrative of Mr. Douglass' kindness of heart.

Mr. L. M. Hereshaw, the Chairman of the Literary Bureau, spoke of the relation of to-day's race controversies to the work of Douglass, and suggested that hos life had given an impetus to higher race aspirations that increased with the lapse of years.

Editor Murray, of Alexander, read an original poem.

At this juncture, Mr. W. L. Board, the principal speaker, was introduced, and said in part:

"A great man is always greater than his works, which are but the cast-off efforts of a great soul struggling ever with chaos to get himself and other men in harmony with God and nature. To have risen from slavery to high governmental station, from ignorance to culture, from poverty to comparative wealth are indeed accomplishments not to be lightly regarded. Yet these are but the externals of a great man, the fruitage of a hardier stem. Who, then, was this Douglass that he should still hold so large a share of the world's attention? Why does a race, in sore distress and perplexity, cry aloud, 'O, that we had Frederick Douglass!' Or, in the words of one of its poets:

Oh, for thy voice high sounding o'er
the storm,
For thy strong arm to guide the
shivering bark,
The blast-defying power of thy form
To give us comfort through the
lonely dark!

"Douglass lived a life, not an apology for a life. There was in him no consciousness of inferiority. Character, not color, marked for him the man. The thing that made Douglass great was his manly spirit that acknowledged no superiority other than that found in brains and morals. This spirit often found expression in words burning and eloquent, but never fully expressing the man. When the lightning of his wit darted and struck, when the thundred of his oratory had ceased its echo in the applause of his admirers, we felt that he had not spent himself, that there was behind his words and eloquence some great reserve force, and there instinctively arose within us a feeling of profound respect for the man, mingled with reverence and affection.

"He insisted on himself, not on imitation and direction. He preserved and utilized his own gifts, nor borrowed another's. What he claimed for himself as a man, he claimed for his race. He insisted on right and juctice.

"To the American Negro, the life of Douglass should prove an inspiration. His life was a living refutation that colored people are deficient in mental qualification, in courage and determination. When the gods come among men they are not known, says Emerson. Douglass was not known and fully appreciated by his people. Day by day his figure looms larger before the Negro. It shines like a pole star through the smoke clouds of race hatred and conflict, through the dust clouds of our own bickering and internal strife. May it ever inspire us to be men, not weaklings; to be defenders, not apologists; to contend for the high dignity of citizenship and to be worthy of it."

The arrangements for this function were in charge of the Governing Board, Mr. Thos. A. Johnson, chairman; Mr. P. H. Bray, Daniel Murray, J. C. Burlls, Secretary, L. G. Gregory, and James A. Cobb, Treasurer. The literary program was provided by the Literary Bureau, L. M. Hershaw, chairman, Robert Pelham, Jr., W. L. Board, W. A. Joiner, and Arthur U. Craig. Other members present were H. P. Slaughter, ex-President, F. A. Sims, J. H. Stewart, W. L. Pollard, and Arthur S. Gray, President.

THE TUSKEGEE CONFERENCE.

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done more for them than possibly any other agency could have done in their untutored state. Prove it? All right. There was a gentleman present from Tallapoosa county, who came to one of the Conferences a few years ago, not over five, out of mere curiosity. He heard a gentleman from Elmore county tell how he gave up the habit of chewing tobacco and drinking liquor and wearing unnecessary clothing and accumulated enough to buy 200 acres of land. The Tallapoosa man listened at that miracle, ate barbecue meat after the Conference and went back home. This year was the first time he has put his ankle an the ground since that time; he reported 400 acres of land and all free from debt. I proved it.

There were many women in the Conference, but only two spoke. One is a teacher of fame and the other a plain farmeress (I coin the word). One spoke of virtue and morailty—she was educated and eloquent—and when she spoke, the audience shook with applause. The other was uneducated. She spoke of how she had managed to buy 49 acres of land and how she had just casually sold a few eggs to pick up enough change to come to the Conference, not caring to disturb her bank account, and the audience roared with applause. She said she came to the Conference some years ago to see what it was. Imagine this kind of testimony of the progress of the race for six hours on the stretch. No wonder these conferences attract so much attention. No wonder these people in the South and those who understand conditions, call Booker T. Washington blessed. There were reports sufficient to cover this entire page, but why give them? They all reflect perseverance and speak loudly of the coming up of those who have been in the wilderness so long.

The Conference adopted the following resolutions:

1. In this, the thirteenth annual session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference, composed of representatives of the masses of our people in nearly all walks of life from practically all the Southern States, we would again declare our faith in the wisdom of unceasing efforts to secure homes and land, the exercise of thrift, keeping out of debt, getting rid of the one-room cabin, the building of good school houses, and better churches, the extension of the school term, the building of good public roads, the prompt and regular payment of all taxes, especially the poll tax; and because 85 per cent. of our people live by agriculture, we urge that everything be done to make agricultural life attractive.

2. In connection with thorough education of all the people, we urge a high standard of morality, Christian character, and a strict line between the good and bad, and that our teachers and ministers be required to maintain at all times the highest standard of life.

3. A careful observation of the condition of the race in our local communities convinces us that there is abundant evidence that the moral condition of our people improves as education increases, and there is no evidence that education increases crime

And this Conference of colored men and women way down here in the extreme South adopted the following declaration, which is No. 4. It speaks boldly out for righteousness and there is nothing cowardly about it: Read it.

4. Since the two races are to reside in the South, we urge that everything be done on both sides to promote harmony and mutual confidence, and we urge our white fellow-citizens to do everything in their power to place a premium upon right conduct and high character among our people, and to the end that peace and prosperity may abide, we urge that our people be careful to refrain from the committing of crime; and further, when crime is committed, or charged, every individual shall be given a legal trial to the end that the curse of lynch law, which lowers and blunts the moral sense and disturbs the material prosperity of both races, may forever cease to be practiced anywhere in our land.

The second day the Workers' Conference was held in Carnegie Library. As the name of it indicates, it is composed of those who are engaged in educating young Americans. The meeting brought together men and women from the South and from the North, but all had a singleness of purpose—the betterment of the unfortunate ones. This conference of educators surpassed any previous meeting of the body in interest and in findings. Atlanta, Clark, Shaw, Atlanta Baptist, Gammon, Hampton and more colleges and schools were represented. The discussion this year was "Neighborhood Work," with especial emphasis on the work of colored schools. The discussion was quite helpful. Examples sufficient were given to prove the usefulness of the schools for the colored people, and the discussion clearly brought out that education has not only blessed the colored young men and women, but that it is the very salvation of them. On this score Southern white men and Southern black men immediately agreed. And some of the best talks made at this Conference were contributed by Southern white men, who deserve more credit for speaking against discrimination in education than is given them. This Workers' Conference is unique in that it is the only gathering where black men and white men meet together to mutually consider what is best for the uplifting of the people and to agree that one race and the other must look to intelligence to save both. This session thoroughly vindicated practical education for both races and brushed aside the vaporings of a few who would cripple the work of education by injecting into these discussions questions which are not only foreign to education, but to common sense.

Many visitors prominent in the affairs of the country were present. Note the presence of Dr. Wallace Buttrick, E. A. Johnson, the historian, Chas. F. Meserve, President of Shaw University, E. H. Webster, Professor Atlanta University, G. H. Dickerman, the Atlanta Baptist College, Dr. Murray, of Gammon, Isaiah T. Montgomery, of Mississippi, Hammond Lamont, Managing Editor New York Evening Post, M. M. Lewey, of Florida, Miss Showers, of Hampton, William H. Holtzclaw, Principal Utica (Miss.) Normal School, I. W. Crawford, of Magnolia College, Dr. H. T. Johnson, Editor Christian Recorder, Mrs. Josephine Ruffin, Boston, J. M. Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Education, Shelby, Miss., Miss White, of the Montgomery School, and many others who were present at either the Farmers' or Workers' Conference. And sadly missed was the late Max Bennett Thrasher, whose interest in these meetings and love for the work are known to the Nation.

The thirteenth annual session of the Tuskegee Conference was the most enthusiastic of all yet held; the fourteenth must do much to surpass it. It is hardly necessary to observe that Dr. Booker T. Washington was the moving spirit in the sessions; he is naturally the moving spirit of the Nation.

—By Roscoe Conkling Simmons.—

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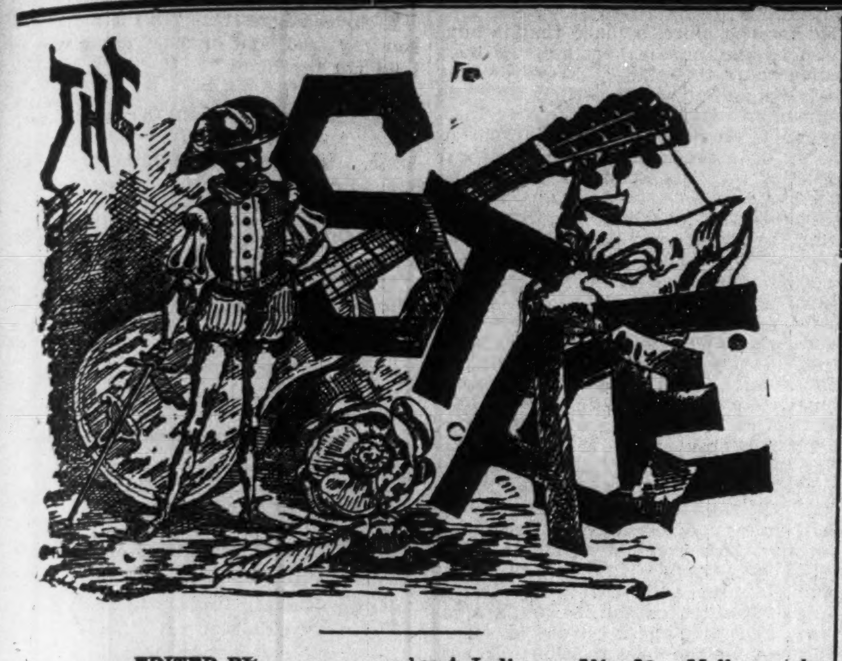

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RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S FAMOUS GEORGIA MINSTRELS (consolidated)—Albany, Ore., March 1; Salem, 2; Centralia, Wash., 3; Olympia, 4; Tacoma, 5; Seattle, week of March 6.

BILLY KERSANDS' Big Colored Mi strels.—Dalton, Ga., March 2; Huntsville, Ala., 3; Decatur, 4; Sheffield, 5.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS. (Voelckel & Nolan) Wilmington, N. C., March 3; Darli gton, S. C., 4; Florence, 5.

A SMART SET—Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 29 and March 1, 2; Columbus, O., 3, 4 and 5.

Billy Jackson is to soon start life over with a new partner (not a female) The new team will be known as Jackson & Simms, and great things can be looked for.

Alice Cassell of the team of Clemo and Cassel is featuring the popular ballad by Owen Lawson entitled "Before," published by the George B. Jennings Publishing Co. of Cincinnati.

Thomas Howard, manager People's Band and orchestra, of Columbus O., would like to hear from a good bass violinist. Good place for any one who will except. Best regards to all friends. Band and orchestra doing good business.

Al Anderson and Billy Briggs are meeting with great success in the West. While playing Orpheum theatre at Denver, Col., week of 15th we met H. C. Haynes, of Chicago On the 28th we open at San Francisco. Our best regards to the colored profession.

Mr. Russell has been told by friends of Harry Eaton that Mr. Eaton was really 60 years old, and that he is the father of a famous actress now in Europe who is over 30 years of age. Neither Mr. Russell nor several performers credit this report.

J. Jefferson Smith, the oldest one of "Lowery's kids," who has been leading one of the best colored concert bands on the road this season with George and Culligan's Alabama Minstrel, sends regards to Tom Logan, A. T. Gillam and other friends. Also will be at liberty after March 5.

Harry A. Brown's Coontown 400 opened Feb. 22 in Winchester, N. H., for one week at Casino Theater with Lawrence, Mass., to follow Feb 28th; March 6th, Haverhill, Mass, at Gem Theater—all week stands. The people are Copes and Clark, Burns and Charcoal, Wells and Wells, Gertie Holden, Emma Clark, Willie Hall, Catherine Harris (Mrs. Harry Brown) May Hill, James Holt, Kinkaid (comedy juggler) and Martha Jennings.

Juntgen & Mack "Night of Fun Co." are scoring a big hit in Eastern Illinois and Indiana. Miss May Melbane joined the company at Decatur, Ill., and was a decided hit at the first performance, taking six encores. The Dalys are fun makers. The Terre Haute Star says "the best on earth," although they give great credit to the Hardee's and especially to Mr. Ed in the creation of Old Southern Preachers. The world wonder cyclists, the Nichols trio, are one of the features of the "Night of Fun." Last but not least, are the "Black Brewer's head liners," as the Globe says, in St. Louis.

Notes from the Biddle Carnival Company, Dock Colman, Manager.—We are having lovely weather and doing good business. All are enjoying good health. The show opened up with "Melinda in Rags." which was quite laughable. Andrew McCoy, with his buck dancing, is making good. Isabella Francis is making a tremendous hit singing "If You Can't be a Bell-Cow Fall in Behind." Walter Crampton, baton manipulator, is also singing "Home Aint Nothing Like This" with success. Flozo Harris and Pauline Crampton closed Feb. 6th four successful months in Sanford, Fla., and opened with Biddle Carnival Company Feb. 9th. Flozo Harris makes a big hit singing "Isn't it Lovely to be On the Stage," also in her contortion act. She is the people's favorite. Pauline Crampton is making good singing "Kindly Hum Over Home, Sweet Home to Me," and her sweet contralto voice is so touching when she sings "When the Blue Sky Turns to Gold." Last, but not least, our good Old Professor Higginbothem is well and sends regards to friends. Isabella Francis sends regards to Julius Glenn. Flozo Harris sends regards to Hi Henry Hunt. Write The Freeman.

The first company made up entirely of colored people coming to the Park this season will be the one which gives "The Smart Set" the first half of next week. It offers a host of players who are famous as singers and dancers; chief among them being Tom McIntosh, Billy McClain, Harry Reed, Hattie Hopkins and Marion Emerson. The music, specialties and fun making are on such rapid fire order that the company has no time to be burdened with a plot. The production shows a wealth of costumes and scenery, and is one of the largest organizations of its kind on the road.

The Park's bill for the last half of the week will be David Belasco's famous war drama: "The Heart of Maryland" This is the play which Mrs. Leslie Carter brought to notable success, and its coming engagement will be the first time it has been seen here at popular prices. It offers all the glamour of war and contains a most delightful love story. Much of its strength lies in its stage pictures, requiring a wealth of scenery. The company is large and capable, and it will be one of the important plays for March at the Park.

P. B. R. Hendrix's Chicago, Notes.—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hunn are receiving the applauses of the bill at each performance at the Chicago Opera House, which indicates how popular they are with Chicago hearers. Prof. J. L. Tinsley, who has a study in the Institutional Church for voice culture, is meeting with grand success, and has a very large school. In speaking of stage critics I think that Sylvester Russell is amongst the best there is. He does not over-rate or under-rate a performer at no time without meaning it as he judges you. If any one of the friends of that ever popular theatrical promoter, business man, entertainer, known as the world's phenominal monologist, should call at his old headquarters, 336 Twenty-seventh street, and fail to find him there don't think him a thing of the past or that he has retired from business, for he has only moved to more commodious quarters, at 2702 State street, where you will find Daddy Love beautifully located. He has now, without a doubt the finest tonsorial parlor in the city and is being assisted by two of the best performers shining Sheffield could support, in the persons of Joseph Catlin and Charles Williams. Daddy has always aspired to have a place of business that now he has. He conducts his business different from the mass of Negro proprietors, for law and order must prevail or you must get out. Your children and wives can go there and be just as safe from being insulted as much so as if they were attending church. Every man who enters his headquarters must respect women and children. Hereafter take notice to have all your addressed mail come to 2702 State street. He is just as proud as though he were a king, and happy as a millionaire. He has many new things in view for the coming season and pays all amateurs to keep in touch with him. He sends regards to all, and extends an invitation to all to come and look him over. I know you will join me in wishing him abundant success, and in the words of Joe Jefferson: "Live long and prosper." He is now what we would consider "multum in parvo." We are looking forward to the Smart Set Co., playing an engagement here before the season closes so we can look them over. Hiram Sorrell, write me, in care of Headquarters, 2702 State street. Don't forget that you have a beautiful resting home when you are in the city. Everything is new and Daddy surely tries to make it pleasent for you at all times, even if you do forget him when you are on the road. Daddy Joins me in extending kind regards to all the profession, wishing you all health, wealth and success.

When Mahara's Minstrels toured the South in 1903 the music was under the direction of one of our most thorough musicians. The Southern press spoke of his work in terms so unusually complimentary; clergymen, teachers and business men tendered such hearty receptions, and critics of both races spoke so little but words of praise that the people were impressed with the belief that he was the most efficient bandmaster and artistic cornetist ever seen South. This was W. C. Handy. Twelve years of practical experience, the best books possible to be secured for the attainment of knowledge of the art, science and literature of music, a personality that commands respect and wins friends, made him equal to the task of leading and inspiring professional or amateur musicians to higher appreciation of the art. He also teaches orchestral and vocal music and has held some responsible positions, and is now teaching a band of full instrumentation at Clarksdale, Miss.

W. C. HANDY.

"THE SMART SET CO."

(As Reviewed by Tom Logan.)

The above company, with Minstrel Billy McClain as the star, played Masonic Theater, Louisville, Ky., week of February 8, and gave general satisfaction, notwithstanding the adverse criticisms accorded them by the press Tuesday morning. The play is not intricate nor dramatic in plot, but there is a sufficient number of jokes (some new others ancient) ballads, comic songs and interesting specialties to round out a pleasant three hours. Quite noticeable were the scenic and mechanical features, especially does this apply to the lodge room scene.

The choruses, while not perfect from a musical standpoint, were cleverly proficient, and executed a drill that was as good as has ever been seen here. Mme. Cordelia, as "Mrs. Dewar," was capital, and was the recipient of favorable comment and numerous encores. As "Lucinda," Miss Hattie Hopkins was perfectly at home and interpreted her part ably and artistically. Miss Mamie Emerson essayed the role of "Dolly Dupree," and infused an abundance of life into the what might, in less capable hands, been an uninteresting part. Her rendition of "Look in Your Baby's Face and Say Goo-Goo," carried the house by storm. Tom McIntosh, as "G Washington Bullion" was irresistibly funny, (in fact Mr. McIntosh is funny anywhere,) and leads one to believe him growing younger and better. "Planter Cain" was given masterly conception by J. Ed. Green, but the make up should have been as an elderly person, whereas Green appeared and dressed too youthful, otherwise J. Ed. is forgiven. Lawrence Chenault, as the British Lieutenant, acted, sang and danced himself right into the hearts of the audience But it struck me as rather inconsistent for an officer of the British army to make love to a colored lass, especially here in Kentucky. Gus Hall, Harry Reed, Jeannette Foster and Billy Pierce also gave a good accounting of themselves.

Talk about bass singers, just wait and hear Chas. B. Foster. The costumes were absolutely stunning, and the precision and unanimity that marked each and every piece of "business" allotted the songs, entrances and exits convinces me that rehearsals have not been in vain. Billy McClain, as "Grafter Smooth," was not as strong as I expected him to be, considering he is on his second season in the part, and yet he acquits himself creditably. My opinion is that had he confined himself to "straight" work he would have brought about better results—leaving the comedy to the comedian—McIntosh is the comedian. The part of "Grafty Smooth" is a straight part

THE WIZARD OF OZ.

By Sylvester Russell.

For the first time in my history as a stage critic I review a white performance. I do so merely for comparison and to satisfy colored actors that my past crticisms have been quite favorable to their future comedy success.

"The Wizard of Oz" is a musical comedy extravaganza, exploiting Dave Montgomery and Fred P. Stone as stars. The "Wizard" is a very large production with the usual 75 people billed as 150. The curtain rises on a gale storm such as you have never before seen.

When the storm subsides, you behold a beautiful chorus of women and plenty of fresh painted scenery which changes to many different shades by means of transcendent lights. All this is a portion of extravagant time which pleases the eyes and eases the playwright.

"The Wizard of Oz" is said to be the greatest musical comedy of the season, but it is certainly not the funniest, and that's why I review it.

The choruses work well and the incidental music is fine. The singing is made up of popular sounds and choruses which all go well surrounded by an atmosphere of heavenly grandeur. This means the music is by many different composers without any regard to what the programs say.

The popular song "Sammy," is sung by a quaint soubrette dressed in a short skirt of silvery glittering spangles. She sings to a man in one of the boxes, which proves that any old gag of the variety stage order suits the majority. What a pity this young woman can't talk to the men in the boxes, in the bargain, and set the houses wild—she would even be quite as legitimate as she is now.

Sammy is a bird. This same song, if enacted by Ada Overton Walker, would be a walkover.

Another clever little soubrette, Miss Loughlin, I believe, with a very weak voice, was quite a feature. There is only one real female singer in the show and she sings love songs very tunefully. The singing of the chorus is good, but no better than the Howard Atheneaum Stock Burlesque Company in Boston, which can boast of having one of the best drilled choruses of real voices in America.

—Montgomery and Store as Stars.—

Nothing is more pleasing to a manager than to read the critic's estimation of his stars, especially when they have to play characters bordering on the very verge of insanity. In the first place, Montgomery and Stone's names are twisted.

The bills should read Stone and Montgomery. If Montgomery had less name and more ability his partner, Fred P. Stone, would not be able to attract as much attention as he does. ..either of them are loaded down with anything much more than nimble feet and a natural appetite for dancing.

Fred Stone plays the principal comedy part, for no other reason than being the best comedian of the two. His first creation of a "man without brains" is an easy victory for a starter, as he has nothing to do until he is given some brains. In some parts of the dialogue Montgomery and Stone have been botchworkers and many of the comedians of to-day are badly affected with spoiling much of the fruition of a good playwright's mind. But we can rest assured that Fred P. Stone is a good comedian and gives good account of his worthy exercises. Mr. Montgomery is simply a very good buck dancer and outside of that, verdict is dismissed. He wears a heavy clad suit of clothes that will save him from making a fatal attempt at real acting. He also sings through the limbs of a tree, not a hoodoo tree such as we used to see DeWolf Hopper display his matchless buffoonery in, in comic opera Boccaccio. No. He sticks his head through a limb and bids the chorus girls to do the rest.

Montgomery has a good, loud voice, and being a graduate from the variety stage, he knows how to use it.

I forget now where it was I remember as far back as seeing him play a dime museum engagement. Just for the sake of mediocrity of racial comparison, I might state that Montgomery and Stone, two white comedians who have worked their way up from the lowest rank as performers did not succeed in reaching the goal in advance of Williams and Walker who had to plough through all the common prejudices of America; even succeeding in reaching the king's thorne in a country where lynching is unknown and where color has no drawbacks except from an inferior European-American. This proves that colored performers, like other successful people of their race, are fully entitled to all the honors in proportion that a King or a U. S. President can bestow upon them.

Another idea: the characters played by Montgomery and Stone are idiotic themes disguising their countenance with false faces and paints. Curious stage people—neither white nor black.

Indeed, if we are to have a new addition of disguised cromos—there are two of these "Wizard" companies on the road—let us have a third; let managers Hurtig and Seamon secure the rights of the "Wizard of Oz," and let Williams and Walker star in it. Mr. Williams could play Mr. Stone's part as it has never been played before (so could Bob Cole) and Mr. Walker could play Mr. Montgomery's part—but with plenty of clown grease on his face. Sam Lucas could play the long-bearded old man, Jesse Shipp could play it also. Fred Douglass could play the Irish Wizard, but I'm not too sure about his dialect. I am confident that a colored company in this comedy would have great drawing power. The play is a budget without race or color excepting the "Wizard." It's a something from somewhere that nobody knows anything about.

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P. M. C.

Dallas News.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—The Republican party of lilly white factions, in and about certain parts of the State, have begun to show that it is somewhat lionized. It has a sprinkling of Negroes here and there to give it color to graft others. It is time for the loyal black and tans and the beef heads to get down to business right to accomplish anything. As the old regulars that head the Roosevelt club have sounded the death knell, we expect some lilly white processions soon, with several black mourners. It looks like the black of Texas should never forget the blow from lilly whiteism, that turned down that grandest of Negro leaders, the late Norris Wright Cuney. Let the Negroes of Texas come together; be men, with the one aim to route lilly whiteism throughout Texas and let the grand old party of loyal blacks and regulars everywhere. Be Roosevelt workers in the various camps. * * Mrs Mose Whiteman visited Tuskegee school and put her son there to learn. There are hundreds of idle boys running the streets that should be kept in school or somewhere, for great will be their fall if left to roam all over the city. * * La Grip and pneumonia have a claim on a great many persons here. * * Willie Lee died of lung troubles at his home on Juliett St., after a long and continual illness. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends. * * The sunshine has caused some of these half-raised, second-hand beefers to congregate in the front of colored business places in the afternoon, where they try to make passers-by think that they are the whole cheese. We are pleased to note that the good ladies of Dallas have long ago passed up that class of cheap tinpan snap hunters and that the business man that will allow them to hang around his front can expect a raid at most any time, for that class should be fined no less than 60 days on the rock-pile, until they learn better behavior about public places where ladies come and go daily. * * After 12 years it came and is to-day a blessing to the whole city. Every Sunday and many week days, the colored people would gather in and around the Union Depot in such large numbers that it put a stop to the handling of express, baggage and mail at times. But it is no more. Is the prayers of many weeping mothers for their daughters that would go to the park of pleasure they called it, rain or snow, hot and dry, they were there also. It came. O what a blessing. * * Miss Bulah Redel, J. B. Russell, Dan James, Rufus Green, Addison Gaston, Mary Green, Oscar Sallad, Silvester Murrell, H. W. Myers and D. Jamison, J. McCain, Ben Everitt, are each a supporters of the Freeman and talk it in their business at all times. * * Dr. H. W. Robertson, the great wonder, spent several days in New Orleans the past week on important business. * * Mr. V. D. Davidson and Mrs. L. E. Jackson, manufacturer of hair goods, have nicely fitted their temple of fashion at 371 Jackson St., where you can call and place your order. They have several agents that are kept busy daily soliciting in the resident portions of the city. Your trade is earnestly asked for and will be highly appreciated. Their order department is up to the minute. A call will convince you. * * J. R. Brown, the minstrel, is again at home. * * Now is the time to put your business ads in this paper while the masses are calling for it. * * It looks like every other white man that paid his poll tax is trying to run for some kind of office. Why don't some of the money sharks on Wall St. anounce and do the right thing by the Negro tax payers of the city and be elected street superintendent or some other pat paying job at the city's pie counter. It's up to some Negro leader. * * The city detectives worked up several burglar cases in the past week, which secured nearly $2,000 worth of all kinds of goods, stolen from business houses here, which called together many to identify their goods and guess the burglars. They were all white, as the dailies did not say Negroes. * * It takes the cash to get The Freeman. * * McLittles is running here on the Rock Island road. * * At Upchurch & Rhodes' shop, you always find the foreman, T. H. Walker, will serve you and your friends to the very best of his place. * * We have too many posing in the school of scandal and ruin. Let your deeds be better, boys and girls, there is a brighter future ahead. White and black loafers all look alike to Judge Smithe these days. * * The city has plenty of street work. * * If the future is to be judged by the example of some of the young in this city, the walls and cells should be made larger at once. Modesty is needed from the pulpits of the city and not so much scandal.

In Social Circles.

Harrisburg, Pa., Special—The young ladies of Bethel A. M. E. Church, at Steelton, entertained a number of young men Tuesday evening with a leapyear social. This being the first party the young ladies enjoyed to make proposals, they spared no expense to make the event one of the swellest of the season, in which they were successful. No proposals were made, but many were thought of. Many of the young men went with hopes that some young lady would propose to them, but no one broke the ice in that line. Among the invited guests were Mr. Ralph Cooper, or Harrisburg, who donned himself in evening dress and was escorted to the affair by Miss Ella Hill, who made him feel welcome, and now thinks some day the wedding bells wil ring for him, and it will be no fault of his own. Refreshments were served by the ladies. * * Miss Nellie Jackson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Jackson was taken suddenly ill while attending college at Salsberry, N. C., and was brought home and placed under the care of Dr. Jones. * * Mrs. Sands is seriously ill at her home on Cranberry Ave. * * A spirited contest for the principal offices marked the eleventh annual convention of the National Benefit Association of the Sons of Veterans, which held its sessions here last Monday. Among the colored members of that order were Mr. Chas. Turner and J. V. Riley, of Philadelphia. * * Fully one hundred men gathered last Monday night and went to the shop of W. B. Carter, a prominent colored barber at Newville, Pa., and took from his work a colored journeyman who hails from Chambersburg, Pa., and attempted to lynch him. He confessed to his crime and was released after saying he would leave town. This was the first attempt of lynching that ever occurred in Cumberland county. * * Do not fail to read The Freeman each week.

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Then the second child came in, breathless.

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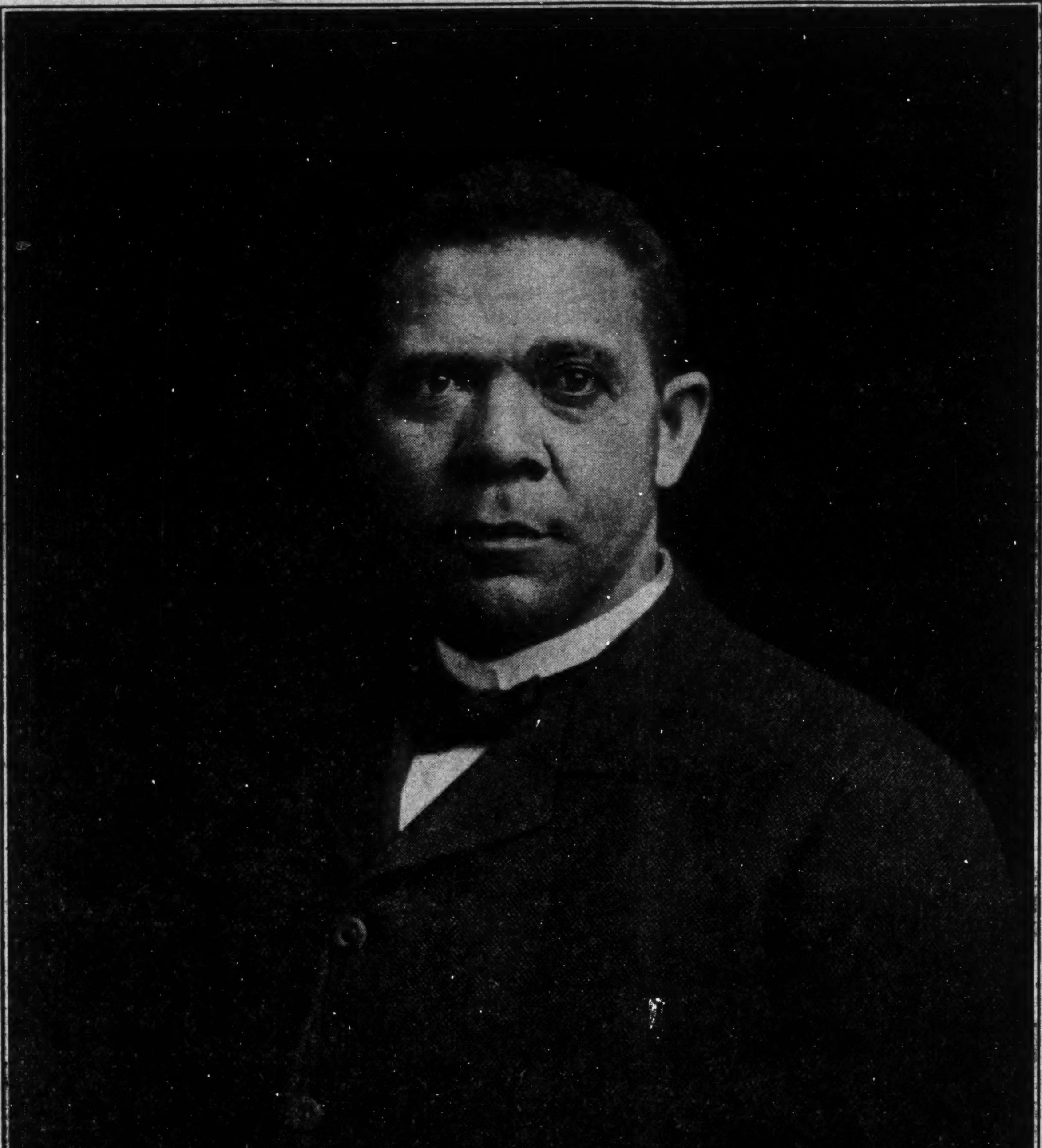

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PRESIDENT WASHINGTON AND THE NATIONAL BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Sometime prior to August, 1900, how much earlier I know not, there was conceived in the mind of one of America's greatest citizens, to use the language of Prof. Bassett, an idea to get together the business people of the race, in order that they might better understand and know each other, as well as the methods of each of doing business ,and to stimulate and encourage those just beginning or contemplating entering the same. To farther and undertake such a work for the bettering of the condition of a people is prima facie evidence that the author entertains deep concern for those who are to be benefited by the movement. The effort to which I refer is the organization of the National Negro Business League in the city of Boston in August, 1900, and the founder, that splendid friend and safeguard of his people—Prof. Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee. While it was not the good fortune of the writer to be present at the first meeting, I have attended every subsequent one, and have an opportunity to study the man, as well as that worthy and timely product of his fertile brain, the League. That the race is under lasting obligations to him for so successfully bringing together so many of the business men of the race for such a purpose, but few will deny. Some, perhaps, will contend that they conceived such an idea years ago, but the fact remains that to Mr. Washington alone belongs the credit for having put the thought into practical operation. The question is often ironically asked, "What beneficial results can acrue from the League?" Well, there are so many that can, have and will follow that I consider it an imposition on the columns of this paper to attempt to enumerate all in entirety.

The Merchant who has been struggling for a long time to stem the tide and weather the gales upon the turbulent sea of merchandising, without any one to give practical hints how to succeed, has heard from the lips of his own brother in black just how he succeeded; the Draymen who has hitherto contented himself with one horse and wagon, has learned from such men as T. W. Jones that there is more in the business and awakened from his leathargy and small ideas, the man with one horse and wagon has determined to get more; the Undertaker who has been doing business in the old path beaten way has learned Preston Taylor's more advanced way of owning burying grounds, aand etc., in order to make the business a success. The small money lender and old-style secret order men have learned from Cashier Hill and President Taylor how it is possible for the true reformers to lead all banking institutions and secret orders in the United States, under the management of colored people. And so on through the list of business pursuits. Through the instrumentality of the League, practical secrets of success have been gleaned from those who have in a measure succeeded. Men and women who have stood on the brink and feared to enter the business world have seen and heard that success can be attained where they have feared to tread. Another beneficial result is that the attention of our friends of the other race has been attracted to the success the race is making commercially, evidence to them that we will some day, sooner or later, play an important part in the commercial affairs of this country. The business organizations that have been in vogue so long among business people of other races easily suggest that they must be essential to advancement and interests of business people. The tendency of the civilized world to-day is to so adjust matters that one part of the world will better understand the other and be on terms most beneficial to all.

The Hague conference and international board of arbitration carry that idea ,and our treaties, tariff enactments and reciprocity legislation are all to place us as a nation, on the best terms obtainable and compatible with the public good, with other nations.

The National Negro Business League aims to bring together the business men of the race that we may better understand and know ourselves and be of the most benefit individually and collectively. The investor has an opportunity to talk with business men from all sections of the country and the projector can be assisted in finding one to help finance his project, and so on, would run the results from maintaining such an organization as a league, the local leagues doing the work that comes within their scope. While it is true that the League promoters have been assailed and criticised, yet the fact remains that our critics not only fail to offer a better substitute, but fail most miserably to offer anything as well. That its president, Mr. Washington, is a great man, has done and is capable of doing great things in a great way, potentates, financiers, plebians and serfs alike admit; that his achievements along the line of his work are without parallel inthe annals of history, under like conditions, can not be successfully refuted; that he filled a vacuum already too long open, by the organization of the Business League, all fair-minded persons will admit, and coming generations will gladly acknowledge, in part ,repeating history, in which it is poetically said, "Many cities claimed the Homer dead, through which the living Homer begged his bread."

That the organization will be, and already is a success, so far as attracting the attention of a large number of the business element of the race is manifest from the increased attendance and membership from year to year; and that it has already merited its right to live is shown by the new business enterprises springing up here and there, the promoters of which got the major part of thei rambition and stimulation by learning of others through the agency of this organization. Being himself the ideal apostle of the industrrial development of our people, and yet not at the expense of his other training, it was but a natural consequence that Mr. Washington's thoughts lead him to the organization of a body that in itself represents the ends to which industrialism leads, viz.: capital, commercialism and business activity. Industry and business are very close allies, one olmost leading to or culminating in the other A skilled tiller of the soil will make a real business of it; skilled mechanics, dressmakers, shoemakers, etc., and persons engaged in kindred persuits will make real business of the same.

What is to follow? It is but natural that, after a course of time, an organization composed of such business men along with the rest, becomes necessary; under the circumstances, it is clearly evident that Mr. Washington is very properly the right man for its head, for the present at least. The contention that his teachings tend to dwarf the manhood of the race can not obtain. Yielding to no one in a sincere desire for the highest classical education of the Negro, yet the fact must be admitted that no race can be an important factor in the affairs of a country whose industrial development has been neglected. And then, not all of us nor all of any people will make success in life with only a knowledge of the classics among them.

It is possible for a man to quote fluently, Shapespeare, Milton and Byron ,and yet make more out of life as a farmer, merchant or doctor. The man who is particularly adapted to bricklaying or carpentry will find little use for a knowledge of Blackstone of McCauley and Franklin's essays, when building the wall or squaring the timber, just the same as the President of Yale will find little use for a practical knowledge of the dairy business while filling his chair. There are some white men who will make better ditchers than physicians and there are some colored men who will make better shoemakers than lawyers, and vice versa. The race should supply material for every honorable vocation, and that, too, as efficiently as other people to attain a proper and necessary footing, and the National Negro Business League, led by its undauted and intrepid President, shall feel much gratification if it shall in any way be instrumental in encouraging and stimulating those already in business and awakening an interest and desire to engage in business among those who have not yet made an effort, or who have made an effort and failed. Our white friends in this country whose success almost passes comprehension, have found it expedient to maintain local, State and national leagues, finding it profitable to go even farther than we have, by having separate meetings for bankers, merchants, lumbermen, etc. Who can safely predict that the National Negro Business League will fail of the purpose for which it was launched. Its officers and principal promoters are, in the main, men who have made some degree of success in their several pursuits; men who are ever anxious to give the benefit of their experience to the beginner or struggler, who is about to succumb to the trying ordeals of a business life. Like the aged oak of the forest, they stand ready to shelter and protect, so far as in their power lies, beneath their tested boughs and which the wintry gales of business life have failed to shatter, the young and inexperienced of the race. The League very fittingly offers no apologies to those who charge that there is nothing in the organization save a boosting of Mr. Washington. As its founder and chief promoter, the League acknokledges him, and justly so, as its guide and central figure. Does any one dare charge that he is not eminently qualified for the place, a place that is honored by the man rather than the man honored by the place? From present indications out next meeting, which is scheduled to meet in the city of Indianapolis, August next, will surpass in point of attendance and general excellence the very splendid meeting at Nashville last August, when it was thought that excellent arrangements made by that prince among gentlemen, Hon. J. C. Napier, that superb financier and business man, Dr. R. H. Boyd, the medical genius, Dr. R. F. Boyd and the host of other good men and women of Nashville who assisted them, together with the sweet singers as are only found in the city that rests quietly on its seven hills, by the side of the Cumberland, and whose fame for such has crossed the seas. The tender and acceptance of the use of the State capitol building in which to hold the sessions of the League along with other courtesies, could be equaled by few and excelled by none. But with our friends, Hons. G. L. Knox and Manning and other good citizens in the Hoosier capital, to prepare the way, and with the apparent increased interest in the organization throughout the country, we are inclined to look forward to another such record breaker at Indianapolis as we had at Nashville. To our critics, we extend the hand of welcome, to the uninterest-we extend the hand of welcome, to our friends, we extend the hand of welcome, to all, we cordially invite you to come.

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The Douglass Afro-American Press Agency has been organized at Providence, R. I., to handle newspapers, magazines and books published by Negroes.

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The Clarence Roy Buffalo Gold Mining Company, made up of colored stockholders and having headquarters at Seattle, Wash., is said to have "struck it rich" in Central Idaho.

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Andrew Carnegia has given $15,000 to the Wilberforce University for a library on the college grounds at Wilberforce, O. This announcement was made February 17 by Dr. Horace Talbott, secretary of the University.

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The Topeka, Kan., Industrial School has Mrs. Bessie Roam Taylor as superintendent of girls' industries; James F. Brock in charge of tailoring; and Sumner George in charge of carpentry. The school has lately moved out upon its new location, a $10,000 farm. It is crowded with students. Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Brock are Tuskegee graduates.

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The Voorhees Industrial School at Denmark, S. C., is reinforced this year by the addition of the following Tuskegee Institute people to its list of teachers: R. S. Little, superintendent of carpentry; Miss Lucinda Gilbert, in charge of girl's industries; and Leonard Boyd, in charge of printing. The school has lately been presented with about $3,000 worth of fine stock, including a registered Hambletonian stallion.

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Ed Henderson, the Austin, Tex., Negro who instituted suit against the International and Great Northern railroad company in the district court of Travis county two months ago for the sum of $5,000, was given a verdict Saturdy, January 30, for $1,000, the same being rendered by a jury composed entirely of white men. Henderson alleged that he was made to dance and later put off a passengar train by four white passengers. He testified that he appealed to the train crew for protection and they failed to aid him.

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In Montgomery Ala., a decision was given by the Supreme Court recently in the case of Nancy Locklayer against J. H. Locklayer. It is a case in which a white woman sues for dower rights in the estate of a Negro, to whom she alleges she was married. Her suit was based on the assertion that she did not know the man was a Negro, even after she had lived with him for fifteen years. The decision of the lower court that she had such knowledge at the time the ceremony was performed was sustained, that the marriage was null and void and that the women, therefore, was not entitled to any of the proceeds of the estate.

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Miss Belle Inez Swan, the subject of this sketch was born in Mobile, Ala., she attended the public schools of that city until 1897. At an early age she evinced a great aptitude for study, and desiring to become proficient in her studies she entered Walden University of Nashville, Tenn., at which school she pursued her studies with diligence and vigor until her graduation from the B. P. course of that school. She was honored by being chosen president of her class. While at college, she, with others, entered a prize contest for the best paper written on the subject: "Africa." The prize, a set of books, were awarded to her by Dr. Lucas. She was a "substitute" in the city schools of Nashville, in which schools she taught. After leaving Nashville she went to Chicago and took charge of the Zion City school. She was also organist for the Sunday School of Olivet Baptist Church of Chicago, of which Dr. Fisher is pastor. She has visited many of the large cities. Miss Swan is a cultured yet modest, affable and unassuming young lady. She has a host of friends, and is greatly beloved by them all In Mobile she takes the foremost rank as a great church worker, and is highly esteemed among the leading element of the best society in the city.

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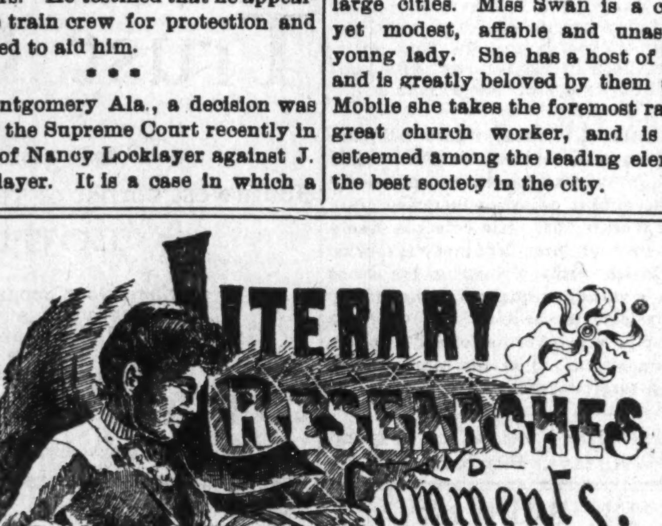
LITERARY RESEARCHES AND COMMENTS.

"A Life of Theodore Roosevelt" by Frances M. Perry is a fascinating little study of the President, describing in graphic, yet in very simple language, his life, which has been picturesque enough, and to which he, perhaps, owes his sterling qualities sometimes called strenuousness. The admiration for the President will, without doubt, increase with the perusal of the little volume. It is well illustrated, having 126 pages Price 60c per copy. Published by J. M. Stradling & Co., New York City.

"The Negro is a Man" is a very comprehensive work by W. S. Armistead, and intended as a reply to Prof. Charles Carroll's book. "The Negro is a Beast." The writer is a white gentleman who has given the subject much thought, bringing biblical authority to play in support of his side of the question. He has also made extensive research into those sciences that act as side lights on the subject, all of which is valuable data, putting to rout the contention that the Negro had otherwise than human origin. The volume is more than the name conveys from the author's standpoint; it is fairly a text book, a scientific treatise, including physiological and anatomical consideration; it is voluminous in quotations and citations, which makes it of great value regardless of what may be considered any peculiar views by the author. It will interest any theological student, and prove a value contribution to the controversy. The work is by Armistead & Vickers. Tifton, Ga.

Dorothy Dix has some more sound words for women in her essay, entitled "When Lovely Woman Proposes," in Ainslee's for March. Whether we agree with her at all times or not we are compelled to read what she has to say and sometimes we find, when we have finished, that we have been convinced against our wills.

Maarten Maartens, whose work is always good, has a story in Ainslee's for March which is worth the price of the magazine many times over. It not only deals with a delicate subject in his usual original and interesting way, but it is told in a delightful style It is called "Five Minutes' Conversation."

M Lebaudy's remarkable attempt to found an empire in the Sahara Desert forms the motive of a new story in the Popular Magazine for March. It is entitled "O'Rourke, Gentleman Adventurer," and is a good example of the type of adventure stories made popular by this magazine. Arthur W. Marchmont gives the first installment of a new serial, "The Eternal Snare," and there are thirteen other stories equally interesting. (Street & Smith, New York. Ten cents)

Educational Notes.

Booker T. Washington has turned his attention to literature; he will write a life of Frederick Douglass, which will be followed up by the biographies of other men eminent in American life.

LINCOLN NOTES JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

Pesident Allen of Lincoln Institute is Wagnerian as it concerns music. He gives talks on his operas "Parsifal" receiving special attention.

As a result of a revival several students have been converted Evangelist Lindsay of the Christian Church preached Sunday, Feb. 14. It considered a scholarly effort.

The recital soon to be given by Miss Hallie Q. Brown is anticipated with much pleasure, and the concert by violinist Joseph Douglass who scored such a brilliant success during his first visit, with no less degree of the same emotion.

The examinations of the second term will soon be upon us, and students are becoming anxious or easy in due proportion to the amount of time they have put into earnest study.

Frederick Parker of the class of '03 has been the welcome guest of the school for a few days. Mr. Parker, like other members of his class thus far heard from, is doing well, and reflecting much credit upon his alma matter Mr. Parker is a brother of Miss Inez Parker, one of whose poems appeared in the current number of Lippincott's Magazine.

Miss Lula Parks, class of '03, and now teaching at Mexico with Principal Hicks, remembered several members of the faculty in a charming manner on Feb. 14.

NORMAL, ALA., NOTES

Bishop L. J. Coppins, recently of South Africa, has been visiting President Councill's school at Normal Ala., where he delivered a lecture. Among those present were: Hon H. V. Cashin, U. S Land Office of Huntsville; Col. Pettibon, ex-member of Congress and Col Boyd of the Daily Mercury.

The school has been full all the year, many students, however, are now returning to their farms to make ready their crops.

There will be 126 graduates from Normal this year, representing a dozen or more trades in the industrial department, English, normal and college courses in the literary department

Rev. T. C. Dawes, who for 10 years was a missionary in Africa, is now at Normal taking a course in printing and giving instructions in the tailoring department.

On the day that Governor Vardaman made his "famous" speech, it is said that Mr. Carnegie gave fifteen thousand dollars to Talladega College of Mississippi a colored institution.

A national conference of colored teachers of the country is being urged by such men as Dr. J. W. E. Bowen of Gamon Theological School and Dr. J. M. Henderson of Morris Brown, Atlanta, Ga.; President N. B. Young of the State Normal Institute of Florida; President M. W. Dogan of Wiley University, President Lovinggood of Sam Houston College, both of Texas; Dr. Lewis H Moore, dean of the Teachers' college of Howard University; Principal W. Bruce Evans and Prof. A. U. Craig of the Armstrong Manual Training School, Washington, D. C.; President W. H Councill and Principal Washington of Alabama; President James B. Dudley of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina; President Johnston of Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute; Prof. Scarborough, President J. H. Jones of Wilberforce University; President G. W. Hayes of Virginia Theological Seminary and College; Maj. R. R. Moton of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.; Principal E. L. Blackshare of Prairieview State Normal School, Texas; Principal Isaac Fisher and President Joseph A. Hooker of Arkansas; Dr. D S. Sanders of Biddle University, N. C.; President B. F. Allen of Lincoln Institute, Missouri, and Principal Waring of Baltimore.

Providence Happenings.

Providence, R. I., Special.—The Imperial Mandolin and Guitar Club will come before the public for the second time this winter on Thursday evening, Feb. 25, at which time they will give a benefit concert for Mr. James Williams, who has been and is now confined to his bed with a very severe illness. The call for the Indianapolis Freeman is gradually growing. Heretofore there has been little done in the way of soliciting, but now under the direction of the Douglass Afro-American Press Agency quite a boom is being made and we expect ere long to have a creditable circulation here. Capt. Robert W. Blunt of the first separate Co. B, R. I. M., and senior commander of the Rhode Island State Militia, has petitioned for a place on the officers' retired list. Captain Blunt has given long and efficient service and gives as a reason for his request failing health and pressure of business. James Johnson, driver of the Fourth Police District patrol wagon, is out again after a three weeks' illness. The Indianapolis Freeman can be obtained in Providence at the following places: Mrs Hall's dressmaking parlors, 43 Lester street, Mrs. Henrietta Williams' periodical store, 268 Thayer street, Robert Brown's hair dressing rooms, 38 Cranston street, and T. H. Creighton's barbershop, 76 Dorrance street.

The disfranchising and "jim crow" measures, that were to come up in the Maryland Legislature, have been postponed. Let the good work go on.

Some of these days the troubles of Santo Domingo will be over, and it will be writ San Domingo, U. S. A.

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Many convicted to be hanged and to the pen for life have been pardoned in a short time by this gifted Medium. Many women and men who could not live in their homes on account of their disagreeable husbands and wives have returned and now are doing well. Many young ladies and gents who have been led astray on account of the devil's work, are now better than ever. Many who have spent all their money going into business and have lost on account of evil work, have gained it back and are now happy and have a great trade. Many who pretended to be great friends to you in a deceitful way, Dr. Robertson has found them evil. Many who fought for justice, such as property, divorces, etc., and lost, have gained their rights by this great Medium power. Many mediums, spiritualists, fortune tellers, etc., who have taken money from them and did no good, are now receiving justice and their devil's work is being broken up. Many who have sprinkled powder, burned candles and buried bundles against you have no more power. Dr. Robertson breaks up conjurations as he goes. Many who were about to die from spells, old sores, poison, witchcraft and conjuration were saved by this mighty healer Many who have carried news against you to cause trouble have stopped and can not carry any more Many who got between a happy family have got on their knees and begged pardon by this gifted man's power. Many men who have left their homes naked and many women who forsook their husbands, have reformed and are now happy. Dr. Robertson's works were brought from Richmond, Va. Many who tried to save money and spent every dime that they made have now a large bank account and property. Dr. Robertson chains down your enemies so that they will never reach you in life. He sleeps in his dark room in a dead trance and looks into your pathway as if it were made of glass and catches what is for your good or bad and seals it up on his spiritual table and sends it by mail. He unlocks your door of wealth, happiness and peace. The spirit of God guides him. See him now and your troubles will end; it was proven at the Spiritual Hall No. 321, Camp Street, Jan. 6th, 1904 that only five men in the world could do the work that he does and no women.

TESTIMONIALS.

To whom it may concern: This is to certify that Dr. Robertson is true. I was in my bed afflicted for months could not raise up my hand until I heard of Dr. Robertson. I sent for him immediately. He came to my home and told me what was the matter, also cured me sound with his spiritual power. I am excited from gladness. Rev. O. F Clinton, Jackson, Miss.

To the public in general: Allow me to express what Dr. H. W. Robertson has done for me. I was sick for five pears and my husband was nearly crazy from a spell that he had for fifteen years and we could not succeed in anything until I tried this gifted medium and he removed the spells and sickness entirely; now we are happy indeed. We would like to have him to live in our city. Very respectfully, Mrs. I. V. Normau, No. 1123 Tchoupitoulas street, New Orleans La.

Dear Friends: This is to certify that Dr. Henrygoldsea W. Robertson can help the needy. My husband was so cross when he would come to the house I could not stay inside He kept drunk for years, but after a friend of mine advised me to see Doctor Robertson I took her advice and to-day we have our own home and a large farm. He is a powerful man. Levy Myles, Vickburg, Miss.

Dr. H W. Robertson: Dear Friend—I received the last medicine that you sent me and after using it three days I felt as a new woman; all swelling left and the other matter is settled. I am, yours truly, J. J. Holland, Mobile, Ala.

This is to certify that Dr. Robertson is great. I had been fighting for my bounties so long until I thought there was no hope. but after reading of his wonders, I gave him a trial and I got my money and have settled up all debts and are in a pretty cottage of my own. May God bless him forever. D. H. Hunt, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. H. W. Robertson: Dear Sir—Allow me to thank you for your kindness. I have gained my property back and the woman who caused the trouble between my husband and I have left the town and he is now better than ever. You will always have my best wishes for success. Mrs. L. E. Jackson, Beaumont. Texas.

Dear Dr Robertson: Only a few words to thank you kindly for what you did for me. The parties who stole my clothes and jewelry brought them back and put them at my gate. It is a talk for the town. You are true in your works. Respectfully, G. Cinclare, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr. Robertson: Dear Sir—After you removed the evil spirits from our home and gave us the lucky charm, we succeeded in getting the hidden treasure. Now we are leaving to live in another state and will always picture you in our memory. From R. A. and H. Penn, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Friends: This is to certify that Dr Robertson is true in what he says. I have lost my job for three months, did not have money to support my wife and family after consulting Dr. Robertson and he told me that witchcraft was the cause and worked his spiritual power for me. I am now doing well and have more work than I can really do. Also I and my friends have got him to decide to live in our city. I am yours respectfully, M R Hills, Dallas, Texas. Call on or write him; price for fortune $1.15. Send money with your letter; for other particulars, write him. Address DR. HENRYGOLDSEA W. ROBERTSON,
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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Noble Venable has recovered from a severe illness.

Prof. R B Shelton is much improved at this writing.

Rev. Stewart of Allen Chapel is able to be out again.

Mr. Carl Watkins. father of Mrs. H. L. Sanders, died Thursday, the 18th.

Miss Mary Wilson, principal of Sumner School, is out again after two weeks' illness.

David Primus, son of Mrs. Maggie Riley, died in Pittsburg, Pa., last Tuesday.

Mr. Stewart Young, a young real estate man of Baltimore, Md., visited the local Y. M C. A last week

Because of the quarterly meeting at Jones' Tabernacle the Y M C. A. will hold its meeting at the Second Baptist church.

The prizes for the oratorical contest are a gold and a silver medal and a handsomely bound book, in the order named.

Rev G. W. Bolling of Elizabethtown, Ky., was tendered a grand reception by the members of Shiloh Baptist church.

Communion service was held at Simpson Chapel church last Sunday evening. The presiding elder preached both morning and evening.

Mrs. D. Donnelle has purchased Mr. George L Knox's stock of hair goods to be used in her hair dressing emporium at 19½ North Meridian street.

The oratorical contest by the colored schools of the city under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. at Bethel church, March 4, will be the best ever held.

The Y. M. C. A. will hold its public meeting at the Second Baptist church to-morrow afternoon. Mr J. E Mooreland, international secretary, and Mr B. C. Day will be the principal speakers.

Joseph Ross of Vincennes, Ind., representing the Church Publishing Co., a new business venture of that city, is here with a view to interest local business men.

The grand ball given by Damon Co. No. 1 K of P., at Cleveland Hall, last Tuesday evening, was a success. Gayly dressed ladies, contrasting favorably with the gents in conventional black, tripped the light fantastic "until the dawn."

The sacred concert at the Flanner Guild, Sunday afternoon, will be given by Allen Chapel choir with Rev. H. E. Stewart speaker. Miss Annie Mason has been requested to pantomine "Raise Me, Jesus" Patrons are requested to come early.

Regular meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary at Y. M C. A. rooms, Monday at 4:30 p m. All members are requested to be in attendance. Special work for refreshment, entertainment and reception committees. M. A. Sissle, president; Daneva W. Donnell, secretary.

The Olive Club entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor of Toronto, Canada, with an informal reception, Monday evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barber, 1125 N. Sheffield avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are theatrical specialists, having traveled abroad in vaudeville and minstrel. Mr. Taylor is an Indianapolis boy.

The fashionable vaudeville given by Mrs. Henry Hart for the benefit of Flanner Guild, Feb 29 promises to be one of the treats of the season. The main feature will be a two-act drama given by some of the city's artists. Music by Taylor's orchestra. The beautiful white silk Poppy hat made by Miss Beaulah Willis in the Guild millinery department will be given to the one holding the lucky number at this entertainment. Every one holding numbers are asked either to bring or send them

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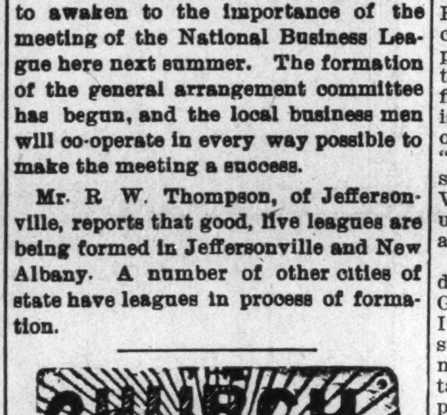
BUSINESS LEAGUE NOTES.

The local business men are beginning to awaken to the importance of the meeting of the National Business League here next summer. The formation of the general arrangement committee has begun, and the local business men will co-operate in every way possible to make the meeting a success.

Mr. R W. Thompson, of Jeffersonville, reports that good, live leagues are being formed in Jeffersonville and New Albany. A number of other cities of state have leagues in process of formation.



METROPOLITAN BAPTIST NOTES.

422 North Senate avenue, Rev. T. W. Lott, pastor; Sunday School 10 a m; Bible class 7 to 8 p. m.; preaching 11 a. m, and 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30 to 9 p. m.

On Sunday, Feb. 28th, Elder T. W. Lott will discuss the question whether the Bible authorizes women to preach. On the 18th day of March Mrs. Mary V Johnson will endeavor to prove that a woman has the right to cook at her socio fete. A unique feature of the entertainment will be the organization of the guests into a committee—jury of the whole to decide whether Mrs. Johnson can be surpassed in this city as a cook. It will cost the small sum of 25c to be a juror. All epicures are invited to 230 Allegheny street, near Senate avenue.

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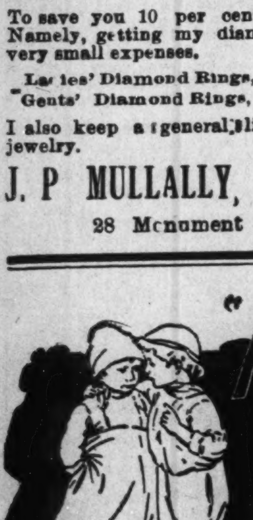

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THE COMMERCIAL NEGRO IN COLUMBUS, OHIO.

—By J. D. Howard.—

Probably no city in the Middle West has a more pronounced and just claim to marked advancement along the line of general commercial progress among its Negro population than Columbus, O. This thriving inland city of the great "Buckeye" commonwealth seems to have offered special inducement to foster and promote business enterprises among colored people. There seems to be harmony of action quite free in many instances from the strife usually called forth from the whites. Therefore I take pleasure in submitting to the general reading public by way of brief announcement, the following enterprises conducted by Negro men.

Mr. Robt. Moorman is conducting a very flourishing and well equipped grocery store at 1221 Mt. Vernon Ave. Mr. Moorman is a Virginia product, hailing from Lynchburg. He is but 44 years old, yet has been marvellously successful. He owns real estate to the amount of $4,000 and is carrying stock in his grocery to the amount of $4,000 more. He requires two wagons in the delivery of his goods and employes four persons. Mr. Moorman is prominent in church work and is a trustee of the Second Baptist Church. He has been a resident of Columbus for 20 years. It was interesting to hear Mr. Moorman relate his troubles and trials incident to his first attempts at starting in business. He claims to have had only $1.80 in capital when he started.

Not far from Mr. Moorman is the People's Drug Store, 1267 Mt. Vernon Ave. This is a very creditable establishment and is destined to become one of the leading establishments of its kind in the city. Lyman Cox is the manager. Mr. Cox perhaps is the only licensed pharmacist among the colored people in Columbus. The store has been in operation three and one-half years and carries a stock of $2,000. Their soda fountain in summer is quite a social drawing card. Their line of drugs and sundries is strictly first-class. Three persons are employed.

The novelty of my observations was unquestionably represented in the person of W. H. Wells, the colored photographer. The success of this man is indeed wonderful. His is not one of those meteoric plunges into popular favor, but has come to him by dint of perseverance, hard work, and industry. He was practically raised up in the business under one of Columbus' most renowned photographers. While restrictions were placed upon him, as is the case with all colored men serving in like positions, Wells, through shrewdness and ingenuity, secured a thorough and practical knowledge of the art, and then branched out for himself. This was 14 years ago. Wells now employes six persons besides himself. His large business now in south High Street, with its numerous and costly paraphernalia, beautifully appointed parlors, dressing room, etc., attest in unmistakable terms the proficiency of this man as a finished artist. Mr. Wells' parlors are in charge of a white lady. She, with one man "retoucher," are the only white persons connected with the business. Mr. Wells has a beautiful residence, valued at $3,000. He is an active Mason and Odd Fellow.

The Northern Star Restaurant, under the management of Jamison and Goode, was the finest place of its kind I saw. Its equipment and service is strictly up-to-date, and could be easily mistaken on its face for a white restaurant. It is profusely decorated with plate mirrors and upholstery, catchy both in design and appointment. I recommend this heartily to the traveling public who wish a good, substantial meal at popular prices. Mrs. Jamison, wife of the genial proprietor, was for a long time representative of The Freeman in Columbus. I found her to be a lady of considerable letters and read with pleasure some of her literary efforts in the Colored American. She has also elocutionary ability of no small proportions; in fact, she has given several successful entertainments in and around Columbus.

G. C. Chavis, at Mt. Vernon Ave. and Champin St., is conducting a thriving saloon business in the beautiful $15,000 building owned by Wm. Letchford. Mr. Chavis is a young man who shows that astuteness of business foresight requisite in the handling of the class of patronage directed to his place. To do this successfully is the one thing to overcome in Negro saloon business. Starting on practically nothing, he has now a stock of $1,000, two employes. His place is conducted on a strictly moral basis. Mr. Chavis is a prominent K. of P.

N. H. Cardwell, dealer in feed and grain, is doing perhaps the largest business of any one in the city. In 1903 he billed successfully a gross business of $20,000. He carries a stock of several thousand dollars constantly on hand. He has four horses and wagons, and four drivers, and lives in a private residence worth $12,000. This wonderful young man is but 41 years of age and has been in the present business eight years. He informed me that he came to Columbus in July, 1882, with 25 cents. Such records should certainly be an impetus to the youth of our people to attain something in life. Such men as Mr. Cardwell have certainly blazed the way and deserve much credit.

There is also another feed store in Columbus that is doing nicely under the management of Mr. Penn.

J. W. Adams is conducting a very successful undertaking business. His establishment is equipped with every requisite for first-class funeral service. His wife, Mrs. A. A. Adams, is his assistant, and a very proficient one indeed, as she is a first-class embalmer and knows the business from beginning to end. Mr. Adams is 39 years old. He has six head of stock, three carriages, one service wagon and one call buggy. He employs three persons besides himself and wife. He has been in business 27 years and owns real estate to the value of $5,000. Mr. Adams was a commissioned officer in the Spanish-American war with the rank of Captain.

There is one other colored undertaking establishment.

The La Quasima Club, consisting of a number of the most progressive young men of the city is quite an acquisition to the social status of the city. It is very conservative in its government and is confined exclusively to the acceptable. They have a ladies' parlor, billiard room, sitting room and bar. I feel greatly obligated to Mr. Harry Alexander, its genial president, who gave me much of his time during my stay. I shall remember very pleasantly the many "good fellows" I met while the guest of this hospitable retreat.

Mr. Ralph W. Tyler represents one of the most versatile characters from a business standpoint I had the pleasure of meeting while in Columbus. Mr. Tyler is secretary of the Wilgera Gas and Oil Company, a Negro enterprise, which bids fair to attract the attention of the entire world. Mr. Tyler has an executive position on the staff of the Columbus Dispatch, one of the largest dailies in the city. He also has nearly $10,000 invested in the tonsorial business and has real estate possessions which will measure up favorably with any colored man in Columbus.

Mr. Letchford might be termed the king of colored saloonists, inasmuch as he has under his immediate direction three different places of business and is rapidly completing the fourth. Little more need be said of Letchford, as he has been written up in these columns before. He is estimated to be worth between fifty and sixty thousand dollars.

Curtis Brown is conducting a very elaborate saloon business and also represents the only Negro I ever knew in the pawn-broker business. Mr. Brown is married to a Jewess. This doubtless explains his indentification with the money-lending business. "Curt" is an all-round "good fellow" and will make his way.

Montgomery & Ellicott are conducting a first-class pool and billiard room, barber shop and first-class saloon in Springfield. They represent the business brains and the hustling qualities of the Negro in that city. They are both "good fellows" and substantial supporters of The Freeman.

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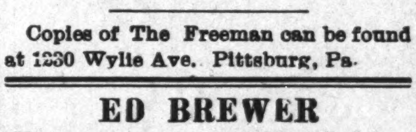

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